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## Knesset slams both terror, anti-terror

**By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN**  
 Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday denounced all manifestations of terror and private anti-terror and called on the government to enforce the law. The resolution, which was adopted after a four-hour debate, also rejected the giving of support or expressing sympathy for any terrorist activities.

The resolution was proposed by Rafael Edri (Alignment-Labour) on behalf of all the coalition factions plus Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev opened the debate on last week's murder of the two Jewish students near the Cremisan monastery, Beit Jalla, and Sunday's rocket attack on an Arab bus in Jerusalem, which killed one and injured 11. He said that the basic question we must ask ourselves with respect to Arab and Jewish terror is whether we believe in a single standard of morality or a double standard - one for Jews and one for Arabs.

Bar-Lev said the police are giving

high priority to the search for the self-appointed avengers of the murder of the students.

The resolution expressed condolences to the families of the victims of both incidents.

The resolution was opposed by Tehiya, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, and the Progressive List for Peace.

Bar-Lev said that terror is indivisible, regardless of the perpetrators. Some Jews may think that Jewish counter-terror, though not legal and not moral, is effective. "That's not true. Counter-terror only incites further terror; it is the height of irresponsibility," the minister stated.

There are loopholes in the law with respect to the qualifications and background of guards employed by protection firms, Bar-Lev said. He has asked the attorney-general to see how the law can be tightened to avoid a repetition of the circumstances that facilitated the Cremisan murder.

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## Peres says pullback talks should be allowed 3 months

**By ASHER WALLFISH**  
 Post Knesset Correspondent

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that the government had decided to give the diplomatic process to secure a withdrawal from southern Lebanon two or three months to run its course.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Peres said the government regarded the UN as "an instrument to bring together officers from the armies of Israel and Lebanon."

He rejected a charge by Mapam's Victor Shemtov that he had backed-track on an announcement he made while in the U.S. that the government would take a unilateral decision on the Israel Defence Forces' withdrawal from Lebanon within a few weeks. Peres said his

announcement referred to "a unilateral cabinet decision," which was in fact taken earlier in the week but which concerned the negotiating process and not the withdrawal as such.

Shemtov charged that Peres backed-track on his words because he came under Likud pressure after returning from the U.S.

Peres stoutly defended the government's new policy of improving "the quality of life" for the Arab residents of Judea and Samaria. He chided the Likud's Michael Dekel for condemning the government's decision to permit investments in projects for the local Arabs.

"What's wrong with allowing an Arab bank to open in the area?" he asked. "What's wrong with letting Arab mayors run Arab towns?"

## Soldier wounded when APC hits mine

**METULLA.** - An Israeli soldier was slightly wounded yesterday evening when the armoured personnel carrier he was riding in hit a mine just north of Ba'alul, near Lake Karoun, in the eastern sector of southern Lebanon.

The soldier was treated at an Israel Defence Forces field hospital and flown by helicopter to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

It was the second time in less than a week that an Israeli soldier has been wounded in this area.

## Polish priest's body retrieved from Vistula water reservoir

**WARSAW (AP).** - Police found the body of the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko in a reservoir yesterday, 11 days after the pro-Solidarity priest was kidnapped by three secret policemen, the state-run television reported.

The body of the outspoken 37-year-old Roman Catholic cleric was found in a reservoir of the Vistula River after an extensive search by teams of police frogmen, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Three men identified earlier yesterday as members of the country's secret police have been arrested and have admitted kidnapping Popieluszko on October 19 on a

highway near the northern city of Torun, according to the Interior Ministry.

**Opec accord on cuts**  
**GENEVA (Reuters).** - Opec oil ministers yesterday reached tentative agreement on sharing out their proposed production cut and said all 13 member states would share the burden. The conference chairman, Indonesian oil minister Subroto, said ministers would meet today to finalize their agreement. The cuts would come into effect tomorrow, he said.

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Refugees from the famine threatening millions in Ethiopia huddle against the cold night air at a Save the Children Fund emergency relief camp.

(UPI telephoto)

## China rules out contacts with Israel government

**PEKING (AP).** - China yesterday ruled out any contacts with the Israel government, following reports that Israel may reopen its consulate in Hongkong with the aim of building a dialogue with Peking.

"We will not have any contacts with the Israel government, which has invaded and occupied the territory of the Arab countries and does not recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," said a Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman.

Israel has no diplomatic relations with China, which gives military aid to the P.L.O. While indirect commercial links between the two countries have been reported, both deny that the Chinese are getting arms from Israel.

An Israel-type 105-millimetre gun was seen on a Chinese Army type-69 tank during an October 1 military review in Peking, which marked the Chinese People's Republic 35th anniversary. Unconfirmed reports say the Chinese may also have obtained Israeli tanks, armour-piercing shells and anti-ship missiles.

Western diplomats in Peking say the Chinese could have built such weapons themselves.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset September 14 that his government wishes to establish ties with China. "We will knock once again on the door of mighty China," he said.

In Jerusalem, Kol Yisrael radio reported Monday that Israel intended to reopen the Hongkong consulate it closed seven years ago for budgetary reasons. A Foreign Ministry spokesman acknowledged the move was under discussion but said the report was "premature."

## Three hurt in stone throwing, Levinger 'sits' at Dehaishe

**By ROBERT ROSENBERG**  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three persons were slightly injured and Hebron Rabbi Moshe Levinger held a sit-in opposite the Dehaishe refugee camp yesterday as stone-throwing youths from the camp and nearby village halted traffic. The youths were protesting against Sunday's rocket attack in Jerusalem on a Hebron-bound bus, in which one man was killed and 11 others injured.

Two Kiryat Arba residents driving past the village of Si'r, where the victim of the attack was buried before dawn Monday, were slightly injured when a rock smashed the windshield of their car. Security forces blocked the exits from the village as they searched for the stone-throwers.

A third man was injured when a rock thrown from the Dehaishe refugee camp hit his car as he drove past it on the Bethlehem-Hebron road.

Levinger went to the camp after (Continued on Page 7)

**Fire-bomb in Ramallah**  
**RAMALLAH (Itim).** - A fire bomb was thrown at a military government vehicle in the centre of Ramallah yesterday afternoon. No one was hurt and there was no damage to the vehicle.

The Israel Defence Forces closed the surrounding area and detained some people for questioning.

## Hectic hunt for accord on lower interest rates

**By AVI TEMKIN**  
 Post Economic Reporter

Representatives from the Treasury, the Bank of Israel and the Manufacturers Association late last night adjourned their effort to reach a compromise on the levels of interest rates. They are to sit again this morning. If agreement is reached, it could enable the renewal today of formal talks about the proposed package deal between the government, the Histadrut and private employers.

The teams met at the Bank of Israel, following a meeting earlier in the day between Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and Manufacturers Association president Eli Hurwitz.

Peres had called that meeting to try to arbitrate between the Treasury and the Bank of Israel on one side and the industrialists on the other concerning the latter's demand for a drastic reduction of interest rates.

During the meeting, Hurwitz demanded that the interest rates should not be higher than 5 per cent per month after the price freeze starts as part of a package deal.

This demand was rejected by Mandelbaum and Moda'i. They insisted that they should be free to set the interest rates according to monetary policy and the foreign-currency reserves situation.

Although it was agreed yesterday that interest rates would continue to exceed the rate of inflation, neither of the sides in the talks could agree on the extent.

It was finally decided to leave the search for a compromise to officials from the government, the Bank of Israel and the Manufacturers Association.

But even if agreement is reached, the package talks may encounter difficulties over the treasury's opposition to the Histadrut proposals for a three-month total freeze of prices and wages accompanied by a drastic slowdown in the devaluation rate.

These proposals have been relegated to the backburner during the last few days, but they may again rear up if the formal talks are renewed.

Senior Histadrut sources yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the labour federation's leadership is convinced that the Treasury officials and the Finance Minister are against a package deal and want to act unilaterally. The sources added that in the Histadrut's opinion, only Peres and Economics and Planning Minister Gad Yacobi are sincerely interested in reaching an accord about wages and prices.

Peres yesterday told the ministers representing the government in the package-deal talks that the labour federation had already agreed to the three-month freeze. Nevertheless, the labour federation sources told *The Post* that in the Histadrut's opinion, workers should be compensated for past inflation, even while a wage freeze is on.

Speaking yesterday at the Jerusalem Economic Club, Hurwitz referred to the inflation in the coming months and said that it will inevitably be high. According to him,

October's inflation will be a record high and November will register price increases of some 15 per cent, even if prices are officially frozen next week, due to price increases already in the pipeline.

**Roy Isaacowitz adds:**  
 Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld told *The Post* that he expected a reply from the Treasury late last night on the Histadrut's package-deal proposal of last week, and that intensive negotiations could resume today.

The Treasury's prolonged "checking" of the Histadrut's proposals has given rise to suspicions in the labour federation that the certain Treasury officials were intent on "torpedoing" the package deal negotiations. Senior Histadrut officials yesterday welcomed the statement by Moda'i that he had no intention of unilaterally implementing economic measures.

The labour federation intends to demand wage compensation for private-sector workers when its negotiators meet with employers' representatives next Tuesday.

The meeting was demanded by the Histadrut to review the private-sector work agreement signed last June. The agreement, according to which the workers received a 9 per cent wage rise, provided for review this month and next April.

The agreement stated that wages would be restored to their real level if it was established that they had been eroded by inflation.

Histadrut sources said yesterday that their figures showed an average drop of 15 per cent in the real value (Continued on Back Page)

## Kessar: Gov't running away from package deal

**By ROY ISACOWITZ**  
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar yesterday accused the Treasury of attempting to "run away" from a package deal. Addressing some 300 workers committee heads in Ashdod yesterday, Kessar said: "Now that we are close to solving the problems, the Treasury runs away."

Kessar added that Prime Minister Shimon Peres was sincere in his desire to reach a package deal, "but some of the ministers just aren't interested. It's as simple as that."

The Histadrut would support only an economic policy that guaranteed stability and employment, Kessar said. "No government can survive unemployment," he said, adding that it would be better to slow down the struggle against inflation than incur large-scale unemployment.

The works committee heads gave Kessar their full support in the package-deal negotiations. They called on Peres to resist the pressure to implement unilateral measures, and expressed their opposition to any programme that would lead to unemployment.

Similar sentiments were heard in Netanya, where some 500 works committee-representatives met with central committee members Nahum Fassa and Aliza Tamir. The participants expressed their willingness to take industrial action at any time "in the interests of a fair living for the workers and the good of the economy."

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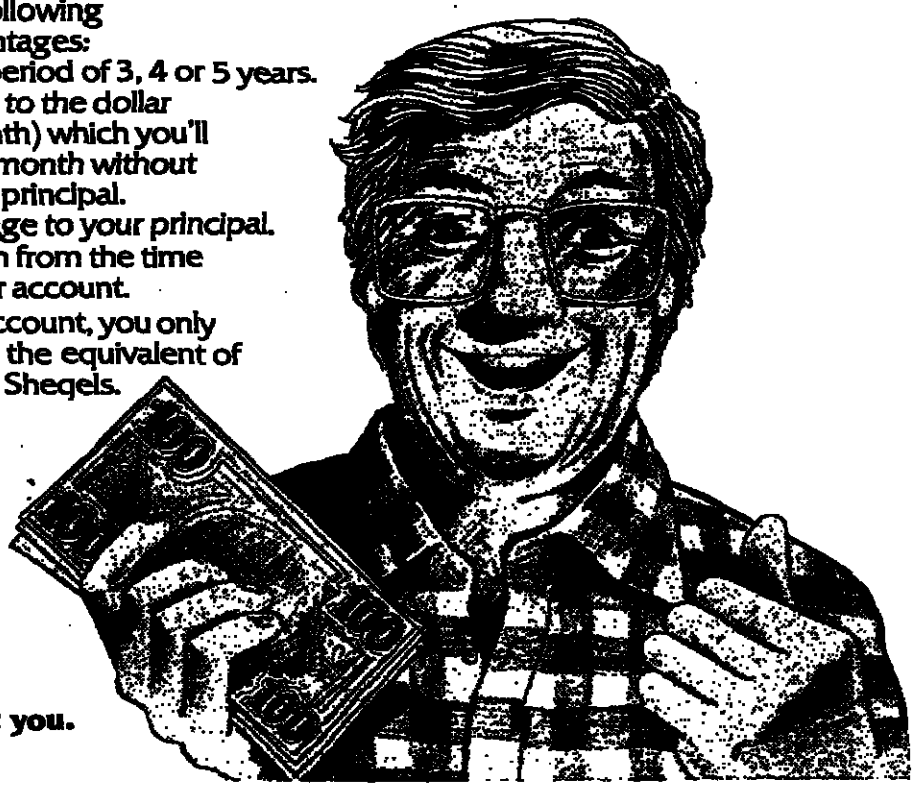
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## Israel owes expensive facade to '\$10 breakfast'

**NEWSBEAT / Haim Shapiro**

When tourists go home from Israel, the first thing that many remember is not that this is the land of sights, experiences and people, but that it is the land of the \$10 breakfast.

The high-priced start to the day is a standard feature in many of the country's five-star hotels, which do not include breakfast when they quote room rates. It is also one of the reasons for the continued belief that Israel is an expensive country.

Other factors are taxi drivers who hide their metres in the glove compartment, restaurants that tack on pay-offs to hotel doormen as part of the bill, and hotel hairdressers who charge "special" prices for tourists.

But ironically, some of the prices for tourists are far more reasonable than the public would imagine, especially now, during the slack winter season. The problem is letting the tourist know about it.

The continued belief that Israel is expensive comes at a time when the country is more desperate for visitors than ever before. Between 10 and 20 of the country's newest, largest and most luxurious hotels are in serious danger of bankruptcy if they do not push up their occupancy rates. Moreover, all this is happening at a time when Israel's marketing abroad appears to be in serious trouble.

Tourist prices in Israel are too high, according to Herzl Shalem, president of the Israel Association of Travel Agents, who says some of the high prices are built into the system. For one thing, he says, we have built a lot of expensive hotels and they can't charge less without running into trouble.

Another factor is the government tax structure, which increases the operation costs of a hotel, he says. Such items as municipal rates, the price of water and even television license (Continued on Page 3)

## UN won't hire more Israelis

**UNITED NATIONS (Reuters).** - Qualified Israelis have generally been rebuffed when applying for United Nations jobs and some UN staff members have hinted this was because of their nationality or religion, an Israeli delegate said yesterday.

Mordechai Lador told the General Assembly's administrative committee that Israelis hold only four Secretariat posts although they are entitled to 18 under the system of equitable geographic distribution of international staff jobs.

When Israel presented a candidate it was generally told the vacancy was filled or the applicant was insufficiently qualified, he said.

Lador demanded that the situation be corrected urgently, along with the problem of 39 other member-states that, he said, were unrepresented or under-represented in the Secretariat.

Leao Lourenco of Portugal, another delegate who criticized UN personnel policies, said Portuguese nationals are treated unfairly, while Portuguese-speaking African states are all either unrepresented or under-represented.

**The postman didn't ring**  
 A Jerusalem postman has been arrested for carrying out one of the biggest mail heists in the country's history, the Communications Ministry announced yesterday.

The postman, who had been trapped by the ministry's security branch and is now in jail, had secreted over 10,000 letters from abroad addressed to people in Rehavia during the last four months.

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## HOME NEWS

### Bus-attack investigation intensifies arms return

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Massive amounts of Israel Defence Forces weapons have been returned to police stations since Sunday's LAW missile attack on an Arab bus, senior police sources said last night, explaining they believe citizens possessing the materiel feared investigators in the case may reach them.

Citizens have been able to deposit caches of weapons and other materiel belonging to the IDF without fear of prosecution because of a month-long amnesty initiated to recover as much IDF property as possible.

The period of grace, during which many illegally-held weapons were returned, including two LAW rockets, ends today.

The sources spoke with *The Jerusalem Post* after a four hour meeting held yesterday with Southern District Police Commander Avraham Turgeon to discuss the progress in the investigation into the terror attack that killed one and wounded 11.

The meeting, held in the office of Jerusalem Police Commander Haim Albaldes, featured briefings from Superintendent Amram Fahima, the man who broke the so-called TNT case last winter, and his colleagues on the special investigating team.

No arrests have been made, but several young men affiliated to the Kach movement were picked up for questioning. They were later released. Other former suspects in possible Jewish terror attacks have also been questioned concerning their whereabouts at the time of the attack.

"We feel that we've set out on the right foot in this investigation," Albaldes told *The Post* after the meeting. He said that several of the members of the special team assigned to the case have been involved in past investigations into Jewish terror.

The IDF is also cooperating fully in the investigation, he said.

The police were still not certain yesterday that the handwritten note left next to the rocket launcher was, in fact, written by a newcomer to Israel. Graphology experts have still not turned in their report on the note, which was written in a peculiar syntax with spelling mistakes.

On Monday night, Fahima had threatened to resign from the special investigation after, in addition to written press accounts of the note, Israel Television ran a purported version of it. But inaccuracies in the TV version, which was also incomplete, convinced him there were no major leaks yet in his department.

### President of Ciskei arrives for West Bank ceremony

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Lennox Sebe, the president of the South African black homeland of Ciskei, has arrived to participate in a ceremony linking Bisho, the capital of Ciskei, and the Jewish settlement of Ariel in Samaria.

Sebe came to Israel to sign the agreement himself because "the town of Bisho is still developing and hasn't got a mayor."

He said he is pleased with the developing relations between Israel and Ciskei, especially in the field of agricultural training, and said that pilots from Ciskei are being trained in Israel to fly crop-dusting aircraft.

Sebe was not due to meet any

Israeli officials during his four-day visit.

Yosef Schneider, one of two men who represent Ciskei's interests in Israel, said he sees Sebe's visit as significant because "No country in the world except South Africa has recognized Ciskei, which is similar to the status of the settlements in the West Bank, which the world has not recognized."

Some Israeli diplomats, including Ambassador to South Africa Elihu Lankin, have criticized the ties with Ciskei, on the grounds that they will harm the renewal of diplomatic relations with black African countries, none of which recognize Ciskei.

### Kahane immunity discussion planned for open session

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset House Committee decided yesterday by eight votes to five to discuss in open session Citizens' Rights Movement Knesset Member Yosef Sarid's request to remove Kach MK Rabbi Meir Kahane's parliamentary immunity.

The minority bloc in the House Committee contended that Kahane was only too happy to attract the free publicity resulting from the presence of the news media during the discussion on the immunity issue, and hence, the best way to ensure he does not gain any advantage would be to close the sessions.

The eight-member majority bloc said the public would realize what a danger Kahane presented to democracy only if it knew what Kahane's fellow-parliamentarians thought of him.

Committee members made the following points:

Gaula Cohen (Tehiya): "We will only be playing into Kahane's hands if we hold open sessions about him."

Yosef Sarid (CRM): "I have no interest in giving free publicity to Kahane's crazy notions."

Shevah Weiss (Alignment-Labour): "We have to close the sessions because we must allow Kahane speaking time here to justify his case."

Ronnie Milo (Likud-Herut): "The Kahane problem is the problem of educating the Israeli public to realize how loathsome he is, so the public has to be in on our discussion."

Michael Eitan (Likud-Herut): "We must not close our sessions because that would give the false impression that we fear a confrontation with Kahane."

Jacques Amir (Alignment-Labour): "An open session to show the public Kahane's unbalanced state and beastly behaviour will help pave the way for legislation against racist incitement."

Edna Solodar (Alignment-Labour) then raised an interim proposal to limit Kahane's movement around the country in the light of his attempted entry into the Arab township of Umm al-Fahm in September.

House Committee chairman Michael Reiser then read out a letter from Kahane to the committee announcing that he would not attend any session "designed to lead to a lynching party for me."

The committee decided to invite Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and Police Inspector-General Arye Itzvan to the next meeting, and to send the minutes of yesterday's meeting to Kahane.

### Managers charged with worker's death

HADERA (ITIM) — Three managers of departments in the Hadera factory were yesterday charged in the Hadera Magistrates Court with causing the death through negligence of a company employee in 1982.

According to the charge sheet, in April 1982 the employee, Menahem Algrisi, was driving an electric-powered lift with a cart in tow. When trying to make a turn, he struck a drum of glue, which turned over. The glue spilled onto the floor and caught fire. Algrisi then got off his

lift and tried to flee, but slipped and his clothing caught fire. He suffered 80 degree burns and died a month later in hospital.

The three managers — Zvi Portnoy, 59, of Hadera, production manager; Shaul Croitoru, 54, of Hadera, manager of the inner tube department; and Avraham Gutkovitz, 63, head of the fire-control department — are charged with not storing the drums of glue in a protected place and having them covered, and with not taking measures to prevent fires.

### Capital's phone service disrupted when cable cut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Telephone service in Jerusalem was disrupted yesterday after a private contractor accidentally severed an arterial telephone cable running from Givat Shaul through Kiryat Moshe.

According to Bezek, the public communications company, teams

were out last night trying to repair the damage.

It was almost impossible for people with telephone numbers starting with "6" or with "5" to contact each other. As a result of the pile-up of calls, telephone service in the rest of the capital was also affected.

Bezek has complained to the police against the contractor.

### New moshav at Halhoul

HEBRON (ITIM) — A moshav earmarked for yeshiva students and newly-Orthodox Jews will soon go up on land facing the Halhoul, on Mount Hebron.

The foundation for the settlement, called Karnei Tzor, has already been laid and a core group of 30 families is expected to take up residence there in the immediate future. Belonging to the Hapoel Hamizrahi moshav movement, Karnei Tzor will ultimately provide a site for religious institutions.

### Shinui man chosen as minister's adviser

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gideon Avital, a former spokesman of the Shinui movement and retired Israel Defence Force officer, has been appointed personal adviser to Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein.

Avital, a resident of Tel Aviv, will serve as the minister's liaison with the ministerial committees on which Rubinstein serves and with the Knesset. He will also deal with political matters.



Four Knesset Members caught by the camera during a session in the plenum: Shulamit Aloni, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.



### Howe says Israel and Lebanon have a 'common objective'

By DAVID LANDAU  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday urged Israel and Lebanon "not to let procedural problems get in the way" of their "common objective" in South Lebanon.

Howe, who met with President Jemayel in Beirut on Sunday before flying to Israel, appeared to be referring to the Lebanon-Israel dispute over whether projected military talks between them be considered meetings of the mixed armistice

commission, which dates back to 1949. Israel insists that the MAC is long dead and buried.

The British statesman did not, however, suggest a specific recipe for how to get around this procedural obstacle.

Addressing a news conference in Jerusalem, Howe made it clear that Britain's strong support for Unifil did not necessarily mean London would send troops to the force if it were expanded and reinforced. Rather, the foreign secretary envisaged "additional logistics" support

by Britain for the force.

At present, Britain extends some logistic support to Unifil.

Howe pleased Israeli officials by referring to an improvement in "the tone of relations" between Britain and Israel recently. He noted that the relationship had been jarred by the June 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and said he looked forward to further friendly talks when Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir visits the UK in the new year, and later when Premier Peres comes at the invitation of Mrs. Thatcher.

Howe reiterated his support for Palestinian self-determination. But once again, as at the official dinner the night before, he recommended that this right be circumscribed by political realities. He said: "It is for the Palestinians to determine... what form of self-determination, given the political and geographical realities of the situation."

At the dinner on Monday night he said the Palestinians "should be able to choose what attainable constitutional arrangements they can will." (Continued on Page 7)

### Peres calls on Egyptians to 'revive Camp David'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday called on the Egyptian leaders to join Israel in an attempt to revive the Camp David atmosphere. "A change in the atmosphere may make it easier for all of us to find solutions to unsolved problems," he said in a speech concluding a day-long seminar on "Six Years Since Camp David" at Tel Aviv University.

"We have to coordinate our efforts so that... the Egyptian and Israeli people will not lose their taste for peace," he said.

Both governments should make a "daring move" and not remain satis-

fied with relations remaining at the level of "non-belligerency or formal arrangements." They must take advantage of the opportunities offered by economic and technological cooperation, cultural exchanges and unrestricted travel, Peres said.

Noting the Egyptians had wanted Israeli "confidence-building decisions," Peres said the move to improve the quality of life in the administered territories was one of them. The residents of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District should be given a feeling that they are respected, their safety is assured and their personal freedoms guaranteed, the prime minister said.

### Eye brows raised as Lewis criticizes Reagan initiative

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday described President Ronald Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace plan as "a genuine effort to recreate the momentum of Camp David," but he was highly critical both of the timing and of the presentation of the abortive initiative.

"The timing, in my opinion, was abysmal, the tactics of presentation worse and the outcome, so far, nil," Lewis told participants at yesterday's Tel Aviv University symposium marking the sixth anniversary of the signing of the Camp David accords.

The ambassador was careful to preface his address by stressing that what he had to say were the "personal musings... of a searcher after truth." But his forthright criticism of Reagan's initiative has nevertheless raised some eyebrows, coming as it did on the eve of the U.S. presidential election.

Examining what he felt were the

causes for the failure to achieve any progress on those provisions of the Camp David accords pertaining to the West Bank and Gaza, Lewis felt that three sides involved — Egypt, Israel and the U.S. — were guilty of several tactical and conceptual errors that may have led to the squandering of an historic opportunity.

Other speakers at the one-day symposium, which was organized by the Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies, included Dan Patir, former prime ministerial adviser for communications; Elyakim Rubinstein, assistant director-general and legal adviser at the Foreign Ministry; Steven Spiegel of the University of California at Los Angeles; Alvin Rubinstein, of the University of Pennsylvania; Shlomo Gazit, president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; and Shimon Shamir, who has just returned to Tel Aviv University after three years at the head of the Israeli Academic Centre in Cairo.

### GSS agent admits note deal with terror suspect was trick

The General Security Services

agent who was in charge of interrogating the Jewish underground suspects acknowledged in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday that the note-exchange deal between the GSS and Jewish terror suspect Yehuda Etzion was a trick to learn more of the names of those involved in the underground.

The GSS agent, code-named "Siegel," was testifying in the minimal over the admissibility of the confessions of the defendants.

In another development, two of the three defendants who began a hunger strike on Sunday to protest against what they described as "persecution" by the GSS began eating again Monday evening. Dan Ben and Barak Nir were reportedly persuaded to end their strike by the Knesset members who have been lobbying on behalf of the underground suspects. It was reported that the third hunger striker, Shaul Nir, Barak's brother, would resume eating last night. (Itim)

### Shas rejects Shahal offer of Labour Min.

Post Knesset Reporter

The four-man Shas faction last night indignantly turned down a proposal by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal designed to satisfy its demand for a suitable cabinet seat.

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the Shas leader, said Shahal suggested giving Shas the Labour and Social Affairs portfolio instead of either Interior or Religious Affairs, which it has been consistently demanding. Peretz commented: "Shahal's idea is childish and beneath our notice."

Shahal made no mention of the present labour minister, Moshe Katav, who represents the Herut wing of the Likud.

Shahal had earlier told Peretz that the National Religious Party ought to get the Interior Ministry while Prime Minister Shimon Peres would keep the religious affairs for a while longer as caretaker.

Peretz will meet today with NRP leader Yosef Burg to discuss the portfolio question and will then call on the prime minister.

### Teachers threaten to give up supervisory role

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Secondary School Teachers Association yesterday threatened to order its members to stop supervising the self-service project — the cleaning and maintenance work pupils do at the schools — if the Finance Ministry fails to implement the agreement that made possible the opening of the school year.

Under the agreement signed just an hour before the schools opened on September 1, a committee was to be formed to negotiate the teachers' pay demands within two weeks. The committee has not met, according to

association chairwoman Shoshana Bayer.

She told Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli yesterday that the teachers feel cheated. She said the association may take other action in addition to stopping supervision.

### Police post opens in J'lem bus station

A police post has begun functioning in the Egged central bus station in Jerusalem. It is manned by three policemen during daylight hours.

### Lawyer, accomplice held in \$300,000 fraud plot

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Tel Aviv lawyer and his accomplice from Ramat Hasharon were yesterday remanded for eight days on suspicion of complicity in a plot that milked a family in Holland of at least \$300,000 over four years. The two men are advocate Alexander Costin and Ilan Margalit, 27.

Representatives of the Tel Aviv police's fraud department told the Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court Judge Dan Arbel that Costin became a friend of Margalit's after representing the Ramat Hasharon man in a case in which he had been found guilty of posing as a medical student and receiving funds fraudulently.

In June 1979, Margalit allegedly became friendly in Amsterdam with the Barzilai family, owners of a restaurant in that city. He reportedly told them his wife had died of cancer and that he was thinking of committing suicide. Then, in August, the police say, Margalit staged a telephone conversation from Israel, overheard by Ziv Barzilai, a son of the restaurant owners, in which he was "told" his father and niece had been severely injured.

After that, Margalit gained the confidence of the Barzilai, who

took him into their home, looked after him and also paid for his many telephone calls to Israel. Each time, he reportedly kept the Barzilai's posted on his father's condition, finally informing them that he had "become a vegetable."

On the basis of this story, the police told the court, Margalit obtained sums of money to the tune of about \$300,000. The money was transferred to Israel and put into an account managed by Costin.

Margalit also told the Barzilai family, the police said, that his father had a senior position in the security services, that he was a wealthy man, and that his (Margalit's) sister was trying to get control of this wealth by taking advantage of their father's condition. Telling the Barzilai that he was spending great sums of money on a court case involving his sister, Margalit allegedly got additional sums from them, which were also transferred to the account managed by Costin.

As part of the alleged fraud, Costin sent "photographers" and "reporters" to Ben-Gurion Airport to interview and photograph Margalit when he arrived there. The negatives were found in a locked drawer in Costin's office, the court was told.

### Government vows to help Ata get cotton supplies it needs

By DAVID RUDGE  
and AVI TEMKIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

HAIFA. — The Industry and Trade Ministry last night pledged to find ways of ensuring the delivery of cotton to the Ata textile company's plants to prevent them from having to close down.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres was in contact with Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon throughout yesterday about the company's situation. Peres began playing an active role following a phone call from Ora Namir, chairwoman of the Knesset Labour Committee.

Treasury sources said it will provide the \$1 million needed to keep the firm operating for two months. On Sunday the cabinet decided to

recommend the appointment of a receiver to keep Ata operating for two months until a buyer is found for the company.

There is a danger that the company will have to shut tomorrow before a receiver is appointed because the cotton stocks at the firm's main factories in Kiryat Ata and Kibbutz are almost depleted. Haifa Labour Council secretary Moshe Wernman said last night.

The Industry Ministry said last night that it is making every effort to get a receiver appointed.

The works committee representatives are due to attend an emergency meeting of the Knesset's Labour Committee this morning to discuss way of preventing the company's closure.

In sorrow, we announce the passing of

**ARIE WEINBERG**

The funeral will be held on  
Wednesday, October 31, 1984, at 2 p.m., at  
the Nahalat Yitzhak Cemetery, Tel Aviv.

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leaving at 1 p.m. from 4 Rehov Urt, Tel Aviv.

Weinberg, Cherni and Ivron Families

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Son, Michael Rappaport (Manchester)  
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Forecast: Partly cloudy with slight rise in temperature inland and in the hill regions.

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Golan	33	15-24	25
Nahariya	21	13-22	23
Safed	22	10-20	21
Haifa Port	69	20-26	28
Tiberias	40	15-27	28
Nazareth	37	15-26	29
Afula	45	12-29	30
Shomron	23	12-26	27
Tel Aviv	54	16-27	28
B-G Airport	33	14-29	30
Jericho	35	15-31	32
Gaza	62	17-25	27
Beerseba	30	12-28	29
Eilat	32	19-30	31

### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Lady Elspeth Howe, wife of British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Squire, wife of the British ambassador to Israel, and Mrs. Miriam Avner, wife of the Israeli ambassador to the UK, yesterday visited the Wizo Jerusalem Baby Home and Family Centre, where they were greeted by Mrs. Michal Moda'i, chairman of the World Wizo Executive and members of the Executive.

The Haifa Rotary Club will meet at the Blue Band food factory at 1 p.m. today.

Uri Wirtzburger will speak on the Dead Sea — Mediterranean Canal at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today, YMCA.

An Aliya and Absorption Day rally will be held by olim associations at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Elion Tower Hotel, 20th floor, Jerusalem. Olim and aliyah activists are invited.

### ARRIVALS

Wizo mission to the president of Israel arrived yesterday from Europe, Australia and Latin America.

A 200-member French national mission of the Appel Unifié Juif de France for an intensive eight-day study mission under the auspices of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod.

### 'Mini Carmelit' makes slope living easier

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A "mini Carmelit" subway for residents of a newly constructed housing development on the slopes of Mount Carmel was inaugurated yesterday.

The homes on the block are connected by a sloping underground lift which operates on the same funicular system as the Carmelit.

The unusual lift runs beneath the open stairs that separate the two rows



## Gov't, Agency work to bring Western aliya

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry, long hostile to each other in the overlapping fields of aliya and absorption, have agreed to cooperate in an effort to bring Western olim to work in high-technology industries.

This was announced yesterday in a historic press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agron — the first time a minister of absorption and a chairman of the Agency's aliya department have appeared together before reporters. It was scheduled in advance of Balfour Day, the 67th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which falls on Friday and which has been renamed Aliya and Absorption Day in Israel and the Diaspora.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur said that the "biggest failure" regarding the Balfour Declaration is that the Jewish people did not answer the call and leave the West to settle in Israel. He said the notion that Diaspora Jews should not be encouraged to come on aliya while the country is in economic crisis is wrong, since, in fact, the arrival of large numbers of olim, with their resources and talents, has always boosted the economy rather than burdened it.

The minister said the two bodies hope to double the number of Diaspora students in Israeli institutions of higher learning by next year and to organize projects in which the state will bring groups of olim who have the skills to work in high-technology industry, including the production of the Lavie fighter.

Whereas Tzur said they would encourage olim to settle in the Arava, Aharon added that newcomers would be offered the option of making their homes in Judea and Samaria. The two agreed, however, that the national unity government would decide where to invest resources for the absorption of new olim — in Judea/Samaria, the South or both.

Both also agreed that it was "impractical" today to establish a joint aliya and absorption authority — recommended by the Horev Commission in 1974 — to replace the ministry and the aliya department to streamline their work. But Tzur and Aharon, whose predecessors didn't get along and nearly boycotted each other, said they intend to cooperate and reduce the duplication that created red tape for olim.

## Driving teachers blast computer plan

By LEA LEVAVI

The Licence Bureau's plan to computerize the scheduling and administration of driving tests came under fire yesterday from the Association of Driving Instructors and Driving Schools.

Association chairman Haim Geva explained at a press conference that the system that has been in use for the past four years and which his association wishes to see perpetuated, gave the association the right to divide the available testing times among the schools. This, he said, allowed for flexibility, because if a pupil or instructor could not come for the test on a scheduled day, that appointment could be exchanged with another instructor or school in the

An emissary is being sent to the U.S. to develop programmes to increase the number of Jewish students in Israeli colleges, Aharon said. He added that Israeli society is generally cool to new olim, and that the Agency and the government must educate the public to receive newcomers warmly.

Tzur and Aharon conceded that the ministry and the Agency had allowed a severe erosion of subsistence grants and unemployment compensation to newcomers. They will insist that olim's grants be linked to National Insurance Institute supports to non-olim. Tzur is to meet with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i today to discuss it.

Aharon said that in principle it has been agreed that single olim, who comprise a large percentage of newcomers today, will be eligible for mortgages equal to those given families, rather than the smaller loans they are now given.

The entire system of absorption centres will be re-evaluated, Tzur said. Some had been situated in areas like Hertzliya, where olim should not be sent, because it encourages them to settle in such places permanently, rather than in Beersheba, for example, where there are few olim, plenty of jobs and enough housing.

Arye Zimuk, chairman of the Zionist Council in Israel, said that special events have been organized for the first Aliya and Absorption Day. Rallies will be held in South America, the U.S., Europe, South Africa and Australia. A telephone hook-up has been arranged between recent olim and potential olim in England.

A rally dedicated to key issues in aliya will be held today at 6:30 p.m. in the Eilon Tower Hotel in Jerusalem. Tomorrow, President Chaim Herzog will receive heads of olim associations throughout Israel, and many homes and absorption centres will hold an open house.

An Israel Defence Forces special order of the day will discuss aliya, and lessons will be taught in schools regarding the role of olim. A special radio show will be broadcast at 4 p.m. on the Second Programme.

International Aliya and Absorption Day regarded as symbolic not only because of Balfour Day but also because it falls during the week that the Torah portion *Lech Lecha* is read, telling of the Patriarch Abraham's settling in the Land of Canaan and of God's promise to give the land to Abraham's descendants.

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fees all end up coming out of the tourist's pocket, he says.

Personnel costs are also high. To give a worker a decent net salary means paying enormous fees in taxes. It is well known in the hotel industry that some hotels hire foreign chefs, who are exempt from income tax. In order to be able to offer a reasonable wage without the burden of heavy taxes.

In his own area, Shalem notes that customs regulations call for travel agents to pay value added tax on ground fees, even if they are part of a package deal sold abroad in foreign currency. If this is done, he adds, it will add 3 per cent to the price of a package from Europe, when the tourism minister has called for a reduction in the price of the tourist package.

But the high prices are far from universal and there seem to be plenty of bargains around, even if they aren't reflected in the official lists.

Adeena Brand, in charge of inter-

national tourism for Jerusalem's Promised Land travel agency, notes that for the first time many local hotels are offering contract rates to local travel agents, enabling them to make deals that were once available only to operators from abroad.

Thus a four-star hotel in Netanya is offering a double room, including breakfast, for two, for about \$30 a day. The catch, of course, is that there is little to do in the seaside resort in the winter. However, a three-star hotel in Jerusalem, where fall is the perfect time for touring, is offering a similar deal for about \$35.

Usually such rates are contingent on a minimum stay or some other condition. Thus, \$30 for two including breakfast at a four-star Tel Aviv hotel is valid if you stay for seven nights. The five-star hotels are more expensive and usually have more conditions, but everything is negotiable, she says.



Labour Minister Moshe Katzav (right) speaks into a television reporter's microphone during a pause from his work at a wood processing plant yesterday. (M. Dekel)

## Labour minister does stint in factory

By ILAN CHAIM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav yesterday made a "working visit" to the giant Eiz Lavud wood products plant here, labouring alongside factory hands in a demonstrative effort to boost the prestige of manual work.

After clocking in with a specially provided time card in the morning, Katzav worked for several hours at a

machine that strips veneer from logs of African mahogany to make plywood. Later, he helped to make formica.

In a short address to workers, the minister urged them to keep faith in the government's efforts to heal the economy. He also said he hoped his visit would encourage unemployed persons who have refused offers of manual labour to accept such vital production jobs.

Several Eiz Lavud employees who

worked with the minister were favourably impressed with his willingness to dirty his hands to prove his point about the dignity of manual labour, but were more concerned about their eroding salaries. "I only take home \$150,000 for hot, dangerous work," one said. "The minister will go back to Jerusalem, but that's not going to change."

When he took office, Katzav said he would make such "working visits" once a month.

## Grossman is Deputy Speaker

Post Knesset Reporter

Chaim Grossman (Mapam) was yesterday elected fifth Deputy Knesset Speaker. The Likud has yet to nominate its third Deputy Speaker, who will complete the number of six deputies the Eleventh Knesset has decided to have.

Although Mapam is in opposition, the Alignment agreed to grant it one of the three deputy speakerships allotted for it. This is understood to constitute compensation of sorts for the Alignment's failure to give Mapam the chairmanship of the Knesset Committee on State Control.

Grossman's election was opposed by Meir Cohen-Avidov (Likud-Herut), while the rest of the Likud abstained. Cohen-Avidov wanted the Likud to oppose Grossman's election in retaliation for Mapam's vote against his election as Deputy Speaker a few weeks ago, although Grossman himself was absent.

But Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut) wanted the faction to support Grossman, who like him is a Holocaust survivor. The compromise was that, except Cohen-Avidov, the entire faction would abstain.

The other three deputy ministers are Eliezer Shostak (Likud-Herut) and Aharon Nahmias and Dov Ben-Meir (Alignment).

CIVIL DEFENCE. — A civil defence exercise will be held today in Nazareth, and tomorrow in the Carmel area. In case of a real emergency, the sirens will sound an undulating blast.

## Adiv hearing cut in middle due to 'new information'

RAMLE (Itim). — The parole board's hearing on Udi Adiv was cut off in mid-session yesterday because of "new information just brought to the board" attention. The hearing was re-set for November 14.

The Prisons Service parole board met in the Ramle jail to hear the summaries of Adiv's counsel Professor David Liba'i, and the Attorney-General's representative, advocate Tony Eitan. Adiv has asked the parole board to reduce by one third

his 17-year sentence for his part in a Jewish-Arab spy ring. The state opposes Adiv's early release on the grounds that he is still a security risk.

Retired judge Haim Dworin, who presided over the board's session, said after it was suddenly stopped that he could only say the committee had received information that made continuing the session "irrelevant."

The board is to rule on the matter two weeks after the November 14 session, on December 1.

## Ministers too busy to attend kibbutz industries meeting

AFIKIM (Itim). — The annual conference of the Kibbutz Industries Association (KIA) opened yesterday at Kibbutz Afikim, but the two ministers who were expected to attend — Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi — failed to show up.

Ya'acobi notified the conference that urgent financial talks in Tel Aviv prevented him from attending. Sharon did not give any explanation for not appearing, but a ministry spokesman contacted by *The Jerusalem Post* said that Sharon could not attend because of a meeting on economic matters with the prime minister.

Members of Kibbutz Afikim waited for Sharon at the kibbutz entrance with placards bearing slo-

gans-like, "Afik Sharon, you're deceiving the people of Israel." Afikim secretary Amikam Osem said the protestors did not represent the views of the kibbutz, but were demonstrating on their own initiative.

The KIA represents 330 factories and 30 tourist facilities. Over the past year, the kibbutz industries' exports totalled \$244 million, up 31 per cent from the year before.

This year the kibbutz industries will produce about \$1 billion in goods and services. Over the past year some \$100m. have been invested in the industries.

CANCER. — The Rishon LeZion municipality has begun an education programme for female employees on how to examine their own breasts for early detection of cancer.

related with some pride that she and her friends had their morning meal in the restaurant of the Egged bus station.

Brand recalls that when one hotel sales manager informed her of the then new price for breakfast (\$9 plus a 15 per cent service charge), she was incredulous. "How can anyone eat that much corn flakes?" she recalls asking.

The explanation that the hotel provides a lavish spread with several kinds of cheese and smoked fish did not completely convince her. Hotels in Germany and Scandinavia provide similar spreads and charge less.

Another explanation was that the price is largely for the fact that a waiter is standing by, ready to refill one's coffee cup whenever it is empty. This type of service is, of course, not cheap.

But Brand notes that she is still not entirely convinced, and so, it would seem, are many tourists.

(This is Part One of a series on the high price of tourism.)

## Haifa sends out SOS to gov't for prompt aid

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — City Hall and Haifa business leaders, in separate meetings yesterday, declared that the economic recession is in full swing in this industrial city, with unemployment figures the highest in the country.

But while City Hall called on the government for aid for Haifa's "special problems," the businessmen called on the prime minister "to prove his leadership and his determination to control the situation."

Fourteen business leaders from all sectors of industry and commerce warned that unless an economic plan is implemented within the week, "we'll go downhill with no way back up."

Aryeh Mehoulal, secretary of the businessmen's committee, said the latest data showed building starts in the Haifa area were down to almost zero, government contracts had been virtually suspended, and retail sales had fallen off drastically — all together adding up to a recession.

The municipal executive, which was joined by Labour Council secretary Moshe Wertman and

chairman of the local branch of the Manufacturers Association Immanuel Fortuna, demanded that the government declare that the Haifa metropolitan area needs special treatment because of its high unemployment rate. They also called for help to set up and expand factories.

Mayor Arye Gurel said that, as the country's largest industrial city, Haifa was the first to be hit by the deteriorating economic situation.

He asked the government to help industry switch over to export production and to use unemployment funds to retrain unemployed workers.

The municipality asked the government to make sure that unemployment benefits discourage recipients from refusing jobs by limiting benefits to 70 per cent of the minimum wage.

The municipality also demanded that power stations be built in Haifa. This means a complete reversal of the city's opposition to coal. Eight years ago Haifa objected to having coal for the Hadera power plant unloaded in the port. The city also asked that the projected free-trade area plan provide jobs.

## Holland's Mideast position 'worsening,' Shamir says

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir complained yesterday about "a worsening in Holland's position" in the Middle East conflict.

Addressing a visiting group of Dutch Christian Democratic members of parliament, Shamir cited a statement issued in Kuwait last week in which the visiting Dutch prime minister and foreign minister joined with their hosts in urging full Israeli withdrawal from all the territories Israel acquired as a result of the Six Day War.

Shamir told the parliamentarians that in Israel's view this position was "impossible and unacceptable."

Total withdrawal contravened UN

Security Council resolution 242, Shamir argued. It also conflicted with the national consensus in Israel which opposed a return to the pre-1967 lines.

Shamir expressed his "regret" at the Kuwait statement and hoped that Premier Ruud Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek would "think again."

Officials in Jerusalem said Shamir did not intend to make a formal diplomatic representation. He felt that the visiting parliamentarians, being from the same party as the premier, would convey Israel's sentiments to the government in The Hague.

## B-G students want university to open

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several dozen students at Ben-Gurion University at the Negev demonstrated outside the university's administration building on the Beer-sheva campus, demanding that the university be opened to students at once. B-G U was the only major university that did not begin its academic year as scheduled.

University officials, who have refused to begin the academic year unless they are guaranteed funds for

the entire year, said "the administration, not the students, will decide when the university is to be opened."

The students also protested against the fact that 1,000 students who had applied to teach in the Perah, one-to-one tutorial plan for disadvantaged children, and for which students receive a remission of a part of their tuition, had been turned down.

## Jerusalem lawyer charged with perjury

A Jerusalem lawyer has been charged with knowingly giving false evidence concerning his part in an arbitration between business partners he represented.

The charge, presented yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court, said one of the three owners of an auto-servicing company said during an arbitration that substantial company profits had gone unlisted in the com-

pany's books. The owners then held a mini-arbitration with their counsel, Hagai Sison, to determine what sums should be entered into the books.

According to the charge, Sison denied his participation in the mini-arbitration in his testimony in the subsequent trial of two of the company's owners in February 1982, also in the Jerusalem District Court.

## Youth flees to closet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH PINA. — A 19-year-old youth, aided by a fellow prisoner being held in the local lock-up for the weekend, escaped by attacking the policeman on duty.

A police team tracked the youth, Shlomo Ben Shabbat, to his sister's home in Rishon LeZion, where they found him cowering in a cupboard wearing only his underpants.

## Beverage firm ordered to pay \$4 m. damages

HAIFA (Itim). — A carbonated-beverages company was yesterday ordered to pay \$4.1 million to a schoolteacher injured in September, 1980 by an exploding bottle of carbonated cola. The company, the Central Light Beverages Manufacturing Company, did not deny the charges and was also made to pay \$550,000 court costs by the Haifa Magistrates Court.

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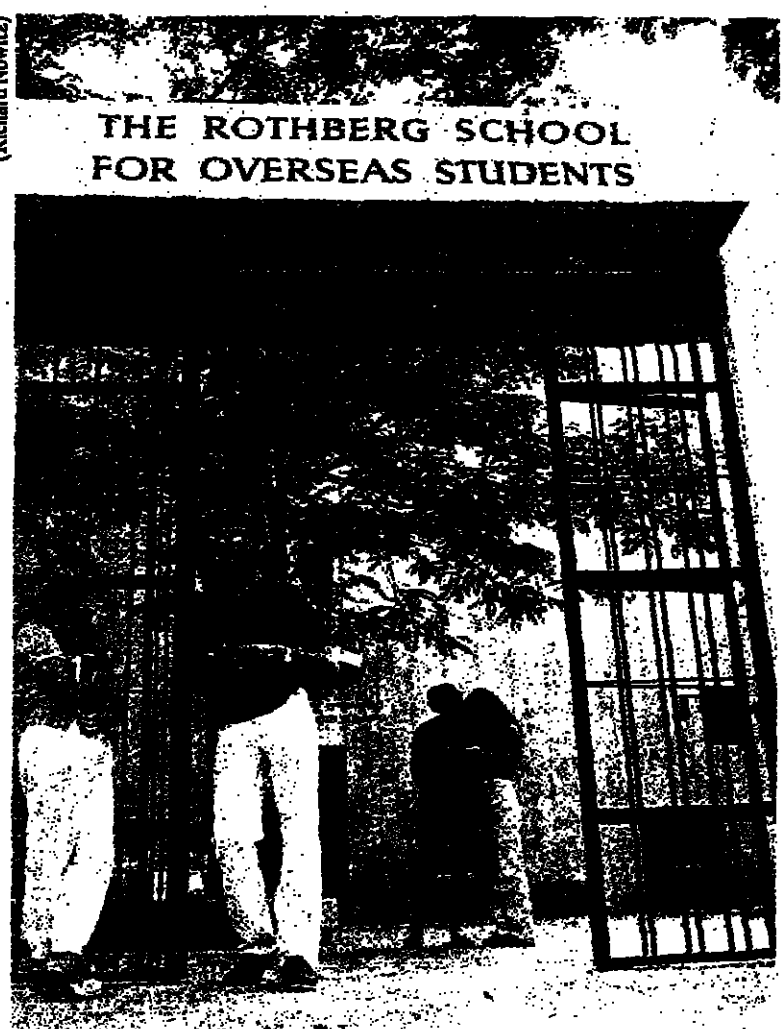






# Making Hebrew come alive

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter



THE ROTHBERG SCHOOL FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

SETH LEVY, 20, a Middle East studies major from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., arrived in Israel with no knowledge of Hebrew. Yet within a few weeks he was able to give street directions in Hebrew to an inquiring passer-by.

Cynics might scoff at Levy's achievement, since standard directions just about anywhere in the country are *yashar, yashar, yashar ad husof* (straight, straight, straight to the end).

But for Levy to communicate in Hebrew outside the classroom was a major breakthrough. Levy is one of more than 1,000 new foreign students who enrolled for the past academic year at the Hebrew University's Rothberg School for Overseas Students. In the euphoria of its diamond anniversary celebrations, the Hebrew University has not overlooked the school, which is keeping tabs of its own milestones and is concurrently celebrating its 30th anniversary.

In a sense, the whole university is an extension of the School for Overseas Students, whose provost, Professor Zev Klein, is quick to note that a high percentage of students and faculty staff studied at elementary, high school or university levels outside Israel.

The Rothberg School serves both as a gateway and a bridge. Students and faculty staff coming from abroad and seeking to integrate into the mainstream of Hebrew University life must learn to develop Hebrew language skills. They quickly become proficient during a nine- or six-week period of intensive study in summer ulpan courses. This is the gateway to their academic futures.

Others who participate in summer courses and special academic programmes for periods ranging from two weeks to four years in many instances become goodwill ambassadors both for the Hebrew University and for Israel.

Programmes available at the Rothberg School include:

- Four-year B.A. or B.Sc. courses (including summer ulpan)
- Preparatory course of studies for high school graduates who do not meet the requirements for admission to the four-year degree programmes
- One-year programme for undergraduates and visiting graduate students, offering a choice of close to 70 courses in Judaic, Israel and Middle East Studies, plus general courses in the humanities and social sciences
- Academic absorption programme for students settling in Israel while in the middle of their tertiary studies
- Semester programmes in Jewish and Israel Studies providing a first taste of university life for high school graduates prior to their embarking on degree courses at overseas universities
- Summer ulpan
- Summer courses and special academic programmes

The overwhelming majority of

students, irrespective of any other courses of study they may pursue, start out in ulpan classes. Hebrew courses are provided at six levels, from absolute beginner to upper advanced. Levy, who previously took an intensive course in Arabic at Cairo University, describes the Hebrew course as "excellent" and evaluates the Arabic course on a comparative basis as "not quite as effective." The Israeli teachers, he says, are more enthusiastic.

LAVINIA BRAUN has a B.A. in history from Cambridge, where a fellow student told her about the Hebrew University's summer ulpan. This is not her first ulpan experience. Four years ago, she picked up the nucleus of her Hebrew vocabulary at Kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi, where the emphasis was on speaking rather

than reading and writing. Three weeks after commencing the ulpan in Jerusalem, Braun was able to read a Hebrew newspaper.

The extent to which competence in Hebrew will be useful to Braun in her doctoral research into the comparative attitudes of French and British Jewry to Zionism in the 1930s and 1940s is debatable. But Braun says she is studying Hebrew because she loves Israel and believes that knowing the language will help her to understand the country better.

Braun's biggest surprise was to realize how many non-Jews are studying Hebrew. Halachically, she herself falls into the category of non-Jews, since her mother is not Jewish. Her father is a Holocaust survivor.

Among the non-Jews are second-

year graduate students of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, who spend two semesters in Jerusalem as part of their graduate studies. In addition to Hebrew, the Catholic priests study Bible, history and archeology. The Jerusalem Post interviewed three of the priests. Karlo Visaticki of Yugoslavia, Baxia Zephyrimus, a native of the Adivasis aboriginal tribe of India and Peruvian Rolando Lopez.

All three had a solid background in biblical, but not spoken, Hebrew. All three are also proficient in several other languages - but took longer to learn them than they did Hebrew. According to Visaticki, the constant class exercises and teaching of Hebrew in Hebrew, without translation are important factors in familiarizing the student with the language.

"What the ulpan has done for me," enthuses Zephyrimus, "is make a language which was dead come alive. It gives me something which biblical commentaries have failed to give me."

Lopez notes that for students of biblical scripture, the motivation towards Hebrew is more positive than it is towards other languages. But one doesn't have to be a biblical scholar to appreciate the speed with which fluency develops.

Preparatory student Lisa Goldman from Canada is thrilled to be able to make immediate use of her growing vocabulary. "They're very pertinent words that we get in class. It's really special when you learn new words in the morning and you can use them when you go shopping in the afternoon."

After six years in Israel, Ariel Oked, 29, was seriously considering returning to the U.S. to do her M.A. She speaks Hebrew without difficulty, but was unable to read and write properly. Torn between a desire to continue her studies and a fear of disrupting her life in Israel, Oked decided as a last resort to try the ulpan at the Rothberg School. She has no regrets.

"My level has improved tremendously," she says happily. "I was never able to read a newspaper before. Now I can." But more important, Oked, who writes short stories and poetry, has begun to express herself in Hebrew. "It's given me a lot of new inspiration to create." A teacher of English as a second language, Oked has critically re-evaluated herself in a professional framework. The ulpan has given her "a new perspective on what it is to be a true educator." She is full of admiration for the dedication of the teachers.

Oked has abandoned all thoughts of going back to America. "It makes a tremendous difference how you feel about living somewhere when you're literate," she explains.

BUT BEING LITERATE is not always the answer. Dora Cohenca, a civil engineer from Paraguay, spent

a year studying in the U.S. Her English is perfect, but her literacy did not give her any hankering for a green card. "It was just a year and that was it."

Coming to Israel was different. "It was like coming home - but then you have to find out if it is home or if it isn't."

There is no doubt that the Hebrew University, through the Rothberg School, makes an important contribution to increases in aliyah statistics. The influence is not always immediate. Few students who have not completed their degree programmes switch horses in mid-stream unless they specifically come with the intention to do so.

Most go back to universities in other countries. In terms of the number of participants in the various programmes offered by the Rothberg School, the 1983/84 academic year was the best ever, with a total of 1,139 foreign students. "We can accommodate many more than we get," says Klein. Proud of the Rothberg School's success, he isn't carried away by it. Success, he says, has to be measured against the background "of the massive numbers of people who don't come here."

Citing the U.S., which is a major source of intake for the Rothberg School, Klein observes that "conservative estimates" indicate that there are at least a quarter of a million Jews studying in American universities who don't register for courses in Israel. "Those which the Hebrew University and other universities get, in no way reflects the potential," he declares.

The most pressing deterrents have no relationship with cost factors or Israel's security. Specialization has assumed a very high priority in America, says Klein, and many stu-

dents are afraid that if they take time out for a semester or a year abroad, they will miss out on career opportunities, even though they may receive credits for studies undertaken in Israel.

Klein lays the responsibility for encouraging study in Israel fairly and squarely on the doorstep of local Jewish communities. There is a certain concept overseas, he says, that Jewish education begins and ends with the bar mitzva. "There's got to be some sense of continuity of Jewish education, which Israel should be a part. The aim is for Jewish university students to see spending time in Israel as an integral part of their education."

The experience is not limited to the classroom and the lecture hall. Students are taken on field trips; spend time on kibbutzim, meet typical Israeli families and become involved in a wide range of volunteer activities including archeological digs and service in hospitals, schools and homes for the aged.

PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED at the school are also exported abroad. In cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, the school is academically responsible for Jewish Study Institutes for Young Leaders in England, France, Mexico and Brazil. Seminars in these institutes are conducted on a part-time basis over a two-year period and culminate in several weeks of study at the Hebrew University. This is what Klein calls "our ongoing dialogue with the diaspora."

With young people, the ability to earn credits towards degrees may be a vital factor in deciding whether or not to study in Israel. But for hun-

dreds of retirees with academic backgrounds, it's the learning that counts, and not the credits.

"I don't need any credits: I have enough degrees," says Miriam Lieberman of Florida, who taught Home Economics in Westchester for 30 years. Frances Thorn, a former New York City school teacher adds: "We don't want credits. We've finished with that. We just want to learn and have fun."

Lieberman and Thorn are members of Elderhostel, an American-based non-profit organization which arranged study programmes for retirees in America and abroad. The first Elderhostel study groups came to Israel in 1983 - and they've been coming consistently ever since.

Dr. Charles Kaplan and his wife Rose of Los Angeles spent two weeks of the summer with Elderhostel, taking a different course or field trip each day. Then, instead of going back to the U.S., they spent an extra month here, working as volunteers in Jerusalem's Musrara district.

Klein and Vice-Provost Israel Rot, though conscious of budgetary limitations, say the school must expand the existing programmes and experiment in new directions if it is to maintain its reputation and attract more students.

Experimentation is an essential spark in all branches of education, but with the massive cutbacks being imposed on the educational system, experimentation may have to be put on the back burner - except perhaps, at the Rothberg School.

Financially, the school is not totally independent of the university, but, says Klein, "we're one of the more self-sufficient units." That will have a great deal of bearing on the Rothberg School's continued ability to flourish.

# New career as senator

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg with a young resident of Ramat Eliah, a Project Renewal neighbourhood in Tel Aviv (Israel Sun)

THE JEWISH AGENCY is generally considered a final career stop for second-rate politicians rather than a springboard for higher office.

But after Frank Lautenberg, a millionaire Jewish businessman, served on the agency's board of governors and as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, he was catapulted into the U.S. Senate.

True, his involvement in Jewish Agency and UJA fundraising activities cannot be credited for his success in November 1983 against one of the most popular women candidates in the U.S., Republican Millicent Fenwick. Democrat Lautenberg, consistently behind in the polls, came out four percentage points ahead in the vote to become a senator from New Jersey - and that in his first shot at public office.

New Jersey has a relatively small Jewish population - its 500,000 Jews are only some 6 per cent of the total population, and Lautenberg, in fact, received only 65 per cent of the Jewish vote, but 93 per cent of the blacks - traditional Democrats - supported him.

Yet, he says, his Jewish Agency experience helped "a lot" in his political career, even more than his business experience, which is considerable. He was one of the founders of Automatic Data processing, Inc. the largest salary slip processing company in the world. Until he cut his ties with the company after the election, Lautenberg was used to being the boss. "In Jewish affairs, no one can tell anyone what to do." Instead, he learned to move people by giving speeches.

I met Lautenberg for the first time at the Jewish Agency Assembly in June, 1974 - having been asked to interview the "bright, up-and-coming fundraiser" along with the builder Robert Russell. Both men had gotten into Jewish affairs relatively late in life (Lautenberg was then 50, the late Robert Russell was 57), and the article was titled "The Agency's Late Bloomers."

Lautenberg, in the many times we met since then, credited the article with making him known. He also laughed about the "bloomers," joking that the headline made it sound

like he was involved in underwear. When the then general chairman of the UJA resigned suddenly, there was a frantic search for a replacement and Lautenberg got the job. And now the son of Jewish immigrants from Poland and Russia is senator of the ninth largest state in the Union.

LAUTENBERG is one of eight Jewish senators (the Jewish population of the U.S. is only 2 to 3 per cent, but in the Senate, is 8 per cent). Two of them don't really identify strongly; the eight divide up equally between Republicans and Democrats.

Rudy Boschwitz, a Republican from Minnesota, was a local chairman of the UJA in his community, but Lautenberg is the only Jew who reached senior UJA leadership (as a volunteer). The eight never meet as a lobby for Jewish and Israeli issues, says Lautenberg. "It would raise a conflict if we were to do it. And there are a number of non-Jews who are very good for Israel."

The New Jersey senator first visited this country in 1960, but it did not mean that much to him as the son of a very assimilated family, in which relatives were almost ashamed of being Jewish.

But following the Six Day War, and the death from cancer of his rabbi, Shai Shachnai, at the age of 39, Lautenberg became more aware of Israel.

The shock over the death of the young Reform rabbi, a *sabra*, led Lautenberg to get together with several friends and set up in the early Seventies the Lautenberg Centre for Immunology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, where research on cancer and other diseases is a high priority. Outstanding scientists come to the centre every year to deliver lectures to Israeli researchers and doctors. Lautenberg notes that three men who later became Nobel laureates have been among those who came to speak at the annual event.

Asked about Senate support for an economically troubled Israel, Lautenberg says that while this country still has many friends, there is growing criticism; and the growing deficit in the U.S. has led many to believe that the U.S. is giving away too much foreign aid. He believes that Ronald Reagan will be re-elected (but not by the landslide predicted), and there will be tougher times for Israel. "The administration will want to make sure that Israel's economic policy is austere enough," he says. "And, in fact, that is not such an offensive notion."

Israel seems very prosperous, with its building surge, videos and late-model cars. But New Jersey, continues Lautenberg, has three of America's poorest cities. Fifty per cent of young blacks are unemployed.

Lautenberg has, since his election, changed his views on West Bank settlements. In the past, he was opposed to them. Now, while not advocating the construction of more settlements, the senator says Israel should not be told what to do until its neighbours sit down to negotiate in good faith.

DESPITE his new career on Capitol Hill, Lautenberg is still curious about the Jewish Agency, and asks for the latest gossip about goings-on there. The Jewish Agency, he says, is a "humane organization, but the reason for its creation doesn't exist the same way anymore." He adds that it should develop into a more efficient social service agency and be completely divorced from Israeli politics. "Its structure has outlived its usefulness, and that depreciates what it was."

Those who know about his UJA past consult with him about Israel. Lautenberg still gives speeches, as a volunteer, at UJA functions, not only about giving to the UJA, but also about political giving.

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## Flomin echoes Hurvitz, supports Aridor Sharp recession ahead—in best case

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "There is no alternative to plunging the economy into a deliberate, sharp recession, which will take unemployment well past the 10,000-level. This represents the best-case scenario, whereby a deep and controlled recession could be over after a year or so." If nothing is done, however, the worst-case scenario will develop, whereby the economy will first collapse and only then be restructured along more realistic lines. This he called "taking the hardest route possible."

This assessment of the economic outlook was made yesterday by Yehzekel Flomin, the deputy-finance minister of the first Likud administration, and now an accountant in private practice. He was speaking to a convention of insurance agents organized by the Phoenix insurance company, and his subject was "Whither Israel's Economy."

Flomin had no good news for his listeners. He managed to bridge the gulf between former finance ministers Hurvitz and Aridor, saying that Hurvitz's prophecies of disaster — "we will have to turn boatloads of imports away for lack of foreign currency to pay for them" — were well on the way to realization. The key need in economic policy was to cut the government's expenses, but he cast doubt on the ability of the government to muster the necessary will-power and courage to do this in the face of political and social opposition. Therefore, he said, as a temporary solution, he favoured full dollarization of the economy along the lines of the ill-fated plan of ex-finance minister Yoram Aridor. His logic in this was the same as Aridor's — to force the government to balance its income and expenses by not being able to print money at will.

The former deputy-finance minister openly admitted that the positive achievements of the 1977 "economic upheaval" were nullified by the failure of the government, then and subsequently, to cut the budget and reduce manpower. "After every supposed cut in expenses, and every hiring freeze, the results were that the budget grew in real terms and the public-sector workforce swelled further."

However, the worst mistake made in those years, according to Flomin, was the "unpardonable sin" of allowing the standard of living to rise, by mortgaging the future. We all played



Yehzekel Flomin (Israel Sun)

a role in this policy, but one minister made it an open and central feature of his approach — an apparent reference to Aridor's "correct economics."

Defining the three main problems facing the economy as the balance of payments, inflation and the renewal of growth, Flomin declared that it was impossible to solve all three simultaneously, "and anyone who waves flags saying they can all be solved together is talking nonsense."

The aid we receive from the U.S. is as much a hindrance as a help, in Flomin's view, because it defuses the urgency of the situation and allows the government to delay taking decisions. With respect to the overall balance-of-payments/foreign currency reserves situation, the most serious feature was the sharp deterioration of Israel's debt service position. This was a result of having to take more short-term loans at higher interest rates. This process itself created a worsening spiral, he said.

Regarding the current package deal negotiations, Flomin noted that he hoped what was happening was just a smokescreen, and that the Histadrut was putting up a facade of resistance, before being "raped" by the government, through the imposition of one-sided measures. "I prefer not to think of the alternative possibility, that we are witnessing true Chelm behaviour, and that each side is determined to stick to its positions."

When the immediate crisis is overcome, the country will have to come to grips with the basic economic problem that it has, namely the need to become a "working people," to assert the importance of work in people's lives, concluded Flomin.

## Daring entrepreneur expands his Cafe Rowal chain

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new Rowal cafe and restaurant opened yesterday on the roof of America House here. Proprietor Uri Rothschild told the press that the failure of other restaurants in that location did not scare him. "The area has tremendous potential and I see no reason why we shouldn't be able to tap it," he said. What used to be a lobby of the restaurant under previous ownership will now become a Rowal cafe. The restaurant will offer French cuisine with lunches at \$6.50 and dinners à la carte averaging twice that price.

Rothschild, 33, is a success story. Ten years ago, while studying law at Tel Aviv University and working as a clerk in a law office, his big break came. One of the firm's clients underwent open-heart surgery and afterward sought someone to run his business in return for a 50 per cent share. Rothschild took the opportunity. Later, he became administrative director of the Haifa Theatre, and subsequently ran a company marketing steel in London.

When he came back to Israel two years ago, he invested \$350,000 to buy the original Cafe Rowal on Rehov Dizengoff. The ground floor is a

discount house. Superoval, but the upper floors had been vacant and he re-established the cafe there.

Since then, he has opened Rowal branches in Rehovot, Ra'anana, on Rehov Yehuda Hamaccabee in North Tel Aviv and now at America House. He is planning to open additional branches in Jerusalem, Haifa and New York.

The Rowal bakery also supplies cakes to the Habimah Cafe, the Ministores Cafe and other cafes in Tel Aviv. The Jerusalem and Haifa branches, when established some time in the next six months, will launch similar marketing efforts in their areas.

"A recession is a great time to expand your business, as long as you don't overextend yourself," he said. "In times of prosperity, you have competition; now, you can bargain for whatever you want."

He said that 20 per cent more people are patronizing Rowal on Rehov Dizengoff now than during the summer. This is a natural phenomenon, he explained, because the changing weather moves people from the beaches and the promenade to Rehov Dizengoff. But patrons are spending less than they did previously, he added.

Phoenix head Yosef Hackmey tells convention of his agents—

## Insurance industry has weathered the crisis

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Those companies in the insurance industry which make it through 1984 and into 1985 will have ridden out the storm. In retrospect 1984 will be seen as the year when the industry succeeded in regaining its equilibrium, and 1985 could bring a real turnaround. The outlook for insurance agents however, is most bleak."

Yosef Hackmey, managing-director of the Phoenix Insurance company, was addressing a national convention of Phoenix agents at the Dan Hotel here yesterday.

He began by tracing the development of the insurance industry in Israel, noting the effects of the period of prosperity that the sector had in 1977-82. The profits from those years were invested in one of three ways, he said, real estate, purchases of blocks of shares in other businesses, or expansion within the insurance industry itself.

In 1983/84, however, the rules of the game changed drastically. A number of companies disappeared

from the scene, through bankruptcy (Lavi), merger (Biderman into Hassneh) or acquisition (Shiloah, Yardenia). Those that remained, suffered heavy losses, so that the period as a whole was one of unprecedented crisis. Hackmey told *The Post* that he did not rule out the possibility that other companies would fold before the end of this year.

The primary cause of these poor results was that the premiums charged by the companies were insufficient. In the preceding years, as inflation and interest rates gradually rose, the industry allowed its investment profits to cover its losses. But this situation came to an abrupt halt with the enactment of the Insurance Contract Law of 1982. Overnight, all the liabilities and outstanding claims against the industry were linked to the index, with retroactive effect, so that, at a stroke, the entire financial situation of the business was significantly worsened. Assets, on the other hand, did not grow while premiums remained at the same level as in 1980-81.

The switch to hyper-inflation, in October 1983, coming against this background, caused enormous losses. Hackmey estimated that some \$200 million of premiums was in the hands of the agents that month, on which the company collected 7.8 per cent credit in advance. The gap between that estimated inflation rate and the 21 per cent index which actually occurred that month, was enough to lose the industry \$28m. In the year from July 1983 to June 1984 the insurance sector lost well in excess of \$100m — a staggering amount for a relatively small industry.

These losses caused the wave of failures, and Hackmey said that as recently as six months ago, he was still uncertain whether even the largest companies were not in danger of going under.

However, in May of this year the authorities, primarily the Treasury, allowed insurance companies to link their premiums fully to either the index or the dollar, so that both income and outgoings are now protected against inflation. The effect of this change will be fully reflected

only in the balance-sheets for the end of 1984, but these will show a "balance, of indexation" on both assets and liabilities.

Hackmey came out strongly in favour of dollarized balance sheets. "That every transaction, every day, should be translated into dollars at that day's rate. The index, published monthly in a period of 20-30 per cent a month inflation, is not too crude a tool to reflect the true state of a company's affairs. Even Advisory Opinions, which outline the procedure for inflation-proofed shekel accounting, contains inaccuracies and misrepresentations. Hackmey noted. For instance, its assumption that real estate values advanced in line with the index was an oversimplification, since in a recession property values fall. This fact would cost some companies, which had invested heavily in real estate, very dearly in 1984/85, he said.

In this connection, Hackmey revealed that Phoenix's real losses last year totalled some \$8m, "far more than the \$3m, or so, that were admitted in the inflated and padded results the company published earlier this year."

As a result of the progress made in correcting the distortions of past years, the industry should regain its balance this year, Hackmey believes, and thus be in a position to enter 1985 on a strong note.

"We all think in dollars or linked shekels now, and are fully aware of the dangers of inflation. Furthermore, while I agree with the assessment that the economy is heading into a recession, experience has shown that the insurance industry is much less affected than most other sectors. Despite the reduction in general demand and in personal savings, insurance is usually maintained."

Thus, the insurance industry, which had bad years in 1982/83, when the general economy was booming, could bounce back in 1985/86, he concluded.

When asked about the outlook for insurance agents, however, he was much less optimistic.

"Most agents have not yet adjusted to the new reality of the market and continue their 'snatch and grab' behaviour. The reality will only get worse, however, as commissions to agents decline because of pressure from re-insurers. Therefore work methods will have to change, so that agents will be able to spend more time with their clients," said the Phoenix boss.

### Higher tolls for transiting Suez Canal

CAIRO (AP). — Tolls paid by ships other than oil tankers transiting the Suez Canal will be increased by an average of 3.5 per cent, effective next January 1, the Canal Authority has announced. The hike is expected to boost revenues from the waterway by \$31.5 million next year. Tolls on oil tankers will remain unchanged. Income from the canal was nearly one billion dollars in 1983.

## TOURISM BRIEFS

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
and JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Work on the 12-storey King Solomon Hotel in Eilat has been completed and all 460 rooms are now available, according to an announcement by the hotel. The tourist and shopping centre outside the hotel, which faces the lagoon, is to be opened at the beginning of 1985.

An all-kosher seven-day tour of Egypt is being planned for the Hanukkah school holidays by Super-Jet Tours in Jerusalem. Yonatan Horowitz, who is organizing the tour, said that a week's supply of frozen airline-type kosher meals is to be carried on the bus which takes the group to Cairo, where they will spend Shabbat with the local Jewish community. Price for the tour is \$515.

The luxury cruise ship World Renaissance, which calls at Ashdod this month, is to take on board some 30 Israelis who will be joining a trip along the coast of East Africa. The package includes a 10-day tour of South Africa and return flight via London, with three days in the British capital.

Electronic baby-sitting is one of the services offered by the newly opened Club-It holiday village in Eilat. The electronic control panel which incorporates a listening device for children sleeping in their room, also provides a wake-up service and sensors which automatically turn off the air conditioning when the guest leaves the room.

The Carlton Penta Hotel in Tel Aviv has announced the appointment of Yaron Eshkol, 29, as sales manager. He formerly was in charge of sales promotion for Arkia Charters. The hotel also announced that Danny Sahar, 27, an employee in the food and beverage department, has been appointed special events manager.

The Tourism Ministry has established minimum standards for youth hostels, as part of a new ministry policy to extend government loans

for the construction of hostels. The move is designed to encourage popular tourism. At present there are 31 hostels in Israel, with 5,000 beds. Another five hostels, with a total of 1,000 beds are being planned.

The Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem and the Ramada Continental in Tel Aviv have been incorporated into the European marketing network of the international Ramada chain, which has its headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, the two hotels have a sales office for North America in the chain's offices in New York.

About half the people on scheduled flights in Europe do not pay the regular full fare but take advantage of various discounts designed to attract the leisure travellers. This emerges from a recent study by the International Air Transport Association. The report also said that the airlines' operating costs in Europe are generally some 70 per cent higher than in the U.S., partly because so many of the flights have to cross international borders.

Tower Air, which has so far operated only flights between New York, Brussels and Tel Aviv, has begun operating six weekly flights between New York and Los Angeles. The airline said a domestic flight will cost \$119 and the flights leave daily, except Saturday.

IATA's Annual General Assembly in Montreal on Monday night elected a new director-general, Prof. Guenter Esser, who had been a member of Lufthansa's board of directors. Guenter is replacing Knut Hammarqvist.

EL AL's winter schedule, which went into effect on Sunday, calls for 78 weekly flights to 26 destinations. Two of them — from Paris and London — will leave on Saturday nights. There will be also five weekly flights from Ben-Gurion Airport to Eilat, so people arriving here from Europe and the U.S. can proceed south directly. They can also start their trip abroad in Eilat, the airline said.

## Japan had record Sept. trade surplus

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan's foreign trade surplus in September rose to a record \$5.22 billion, a 54 per cent increase over the same month last year, the finance ministry said yesterday.

Exports climbed 14.7 per cent, from \$12.63b. last September to \$14.48b., while imports rose slightly, from \$9.24b. to \$9.26b.

"If this trend continues, we will have to watch out for more trade friction," an economist at a major Japanese bank said.

The U.S., Europe and Japan's Asian neighbours have all been

pressing Japan to take steps to reduce its trade surplus by further opening its markets to foreign goods.

September's exports rose largely in response to the continued recovery of the world economy, especially in the U.S., the economist said. Rising sales of electrical goods and cars accounted for much of the export growth.

Japanese vehicle exports rose 5.6 per cent in September, from 482,299 units, in September last year to 509,000 this September, the Japan Automobile Association said.

## Swiss set the pace in per-capita savings

GENEVA (AP). — Swiss residents continued to lead the world in average per-capita savings in 1983, the Geneva-based International Savings Bank Institute said yesterday.

An institute survey for 1983 showed individual Swiss residents had an average of 31,520 Swiss francs (\$14,465) in the bank.

The Institute said that even if savings accounts held by foreigners are excluded, the average Swiss per capita savings still amount to 29,504 Swiss francs (\$13,540).

The survey said Japanese residents rank second with per capita savings of \$9,834, followed by U.S. residents with \$7,185.

## Dollar lower

LONDON (AP). — The dollar was generally lower in moderately active European trading yesterday despite higher U.S. interest rates. Gold prices were little changed.

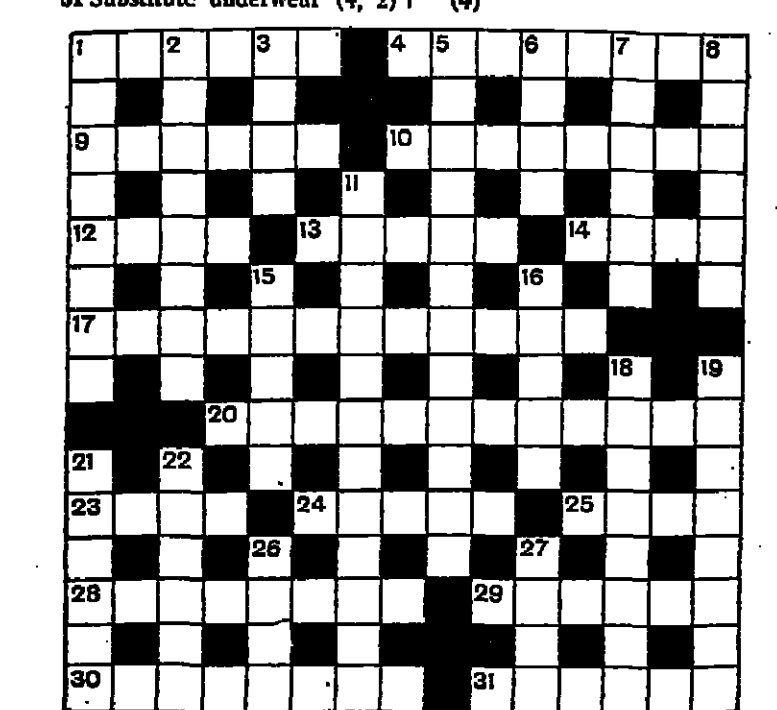
The dollar fell against all major currencies, except the Swiss franc, at the same time that dollar deposit rates rose 1/16 percentage points. Higher interest rates usually cause the dollar to strengthen.

Currency dealers said the dollar's future still was clouded by the prospect of dollar sales by Deutsche Bundesbank, although the West German central bank did not intervene in the markets yesterday.

SINGAPORE. — The state-owned Singapore Airlines announced that it will start weekly service to Cairo to boost overall trade and tourism between Egypt and Singapore.

## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1 Release a proposal to start the journey (4, 2)                             | 1 Incline to break heart of ex-school jobseeker with a refusal (4, 4)            |
| 4 General dealer caught by dogged policeman (8)                              | 2 A telling international conflict? (5, 3)                                       |
| 9 Performing on the stage, but only as a stand-in (6)                        | 3 Left the last word to the auctioneer (4)                                       |
| 10 Does it mark the end of the season or only the end of the innings? (3, 4) | 5 The sort of conversation which involves beating of breasts? (5, 2, 5)          |
| 12 Crude or refined works of art? (4)  | 6 25 turning up for cricket practice (4)   |
| 13 Abuse the inn-keeper's credit (5)   | 7 Three miles for navigators to form an association (6)                          |
| 14 It lies not West of Kintyre, — (4)  | 8 Depended on perpetual jury (6)   |
| 17 Send in the debt collector with a detailed report (5, 7)                  | 11 Flexible device for decreasing laundry (8, 4)                                 |
| 20 Accomplished bare 1 spy in the stables (7, 2, 3)                          | 15 Mountain range covering part or whole of the world (5)                        |
| 23 Sort of knot avoided by sailors (4)                                       | 16 Inappropriate seizure by United Nations (5)                                   |
| 24 Is it only in the forest may one tread on it without saying "Ouch!"? (5)  | 18 How old men approach a summer? (6, 2)   |
| 25 Gun used fishing gear turned over (4)                                     | 19 Dwarf males renowned for courageous acts (5, 3)                               |
| 28 To a Roman Catholic in this place, it is a candlestick (8)                | 21 County council in a rut — just the opposite, so Health head found support (6) |
| 29 One tidy area around Belfast (6)  | 22 Militant enticement to charge? (5, 3)   |
| 30 Treble desirable aim set by outstandingly moral establishment? (4, 4)     | 26 Slip of a girl? (4)   |
| 31 Substitute underwear (4, 2)   | 27 One of sixteen disheartened (4)   |



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## Shares mixed, 'arrangement' down

The trends changed yesterday in the trading on the stock exchange. The share market weakened noticeably, with the "free" sector turning mixed and the bank shares of the "arrangements" sector were decisively lower, for the first time in quite a while.

On the bond market, the trend was also mixed, with the overall result being almost a stand-off between rising and falling issues. The dollar, on the other hand, did not miss a day, with the shekel losing almost one per cent, so that all security prices were devalued by that amount.

Volumes grew, particularly in the bond market, where the turnover reached almost IS1.5 billion. In the share market the banks came in with their usual 70 per cent chunk of the turnover, but an unusually large part of this went to one issue, Hapoalim, which achieved a volume of IS218 million.

In the rest of the market, the outstanding event was the ongoing collapse of the Gali Zohar shares. It will be recalled that these shares had been the focus of a power struggle between rival groups in the company, and this had driven the price of both the IS1 and IS2 shares up by hundreds of per cent in a short time, during the summer.

Last month the exchange moved to "impose order" on the unruly and highly illiquid trading in these issues,

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

which were marked "buyers only" more often than not. After an investigation of the amount of shares still outstanding for trading (the float), the exchange management decided to move these shares to the "Tuesday shares sector," those issues traded only once a week, because of their low liquidity.

Almost immediately, the fun and games stopped. Week after week the Gali Zohar shares were marked "sellers only," until last week the IS5 issue fell by 40 per cent. The IS1 issue was marked "sellers only" for the third successive time. Last week and yesterday it plummeted by a cool 53 per cent. So ends another "run."

Announcements: Plumpkin, the U.S. firm that published a tender offer for Incoba shares, failed in its attempt. Less than three per cent of the company's equity was offered, and since the would-be buyer had stipulated a 10 per cent minimum as a condition for his taking up the offer, the result is that nothing has happened.

The shares that were tendered will be returned, and the Incoba share price, which has risen by more than

### MARKET STATISTICS

General Share Index 502.05 -2.73  
Non-Bank Index 531.77 -0.69  
Arrangement Index 521.35 -3.49%  
Industrials 383.89 -1.10%  
Bond Index 403.96 +0.18%

Turnovers  
Shares IS 905.7m  
Bonds IS1467.4m  
Totals IS2373.1m

Advances 159  
Declines 169  
of which 5% +  
of which 5% -  
"Buyers only" 8  
"Sellers only" 10

Bond market trends  
4% fully-linked: Rises to 2%  
7% fully-linked: Mixed to 1%  
80% linked: Mixed to 1%  
Mizrahi: Rises of 1%-2 1/2%  
Double-option: Falls to 5%  
Dollar-linked: Rises to 2%

Most Active Shares  
Hapoalim 13270 IS218.3m -670  
IDB 19820 IS87.8m -700  
Leumi 8500 IS80.2m -340

Sharpest Moves  
Gali Zohar IS1 2550 -2639 -53.5%  
Landco op. 412 +75 +21.5%  
Arzin op. 118 +20 +20.4%

50 per cent following the tender offer, may be expected to plunge back to its old level.

The entire incident has raised more questions than it has answered, and it seems that these are likely to remain hanging. At the least, the issue has given otherwise-bored brokers something to talk about.

## ISRAEL-LEBANON

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lingly accept."

Other points made by the British minister:

■ Britain's arms-sales to Arab states were in no way comparable to Israel's sales to Argentina, which London had sought to stop during the Falklands War. Britain sold to moderate Arab states, to which "other friends of Israel" also sold arms. "And we are always particularly careful not to disturb the balance," Howe said.

■ Britain was "not alone" among the European Economic Community nations in maintaining the embargo (Howe termed it a "restriction") on the sale of arms to Israel, imposed at the time of the Lebanon war, and London was "constantly reviewing" it.

■ The PLO, which Britain and the EEC want to see associated with the peace process, was in no way comparable to the IRA. "The Irish people, on both sides of the border, can exercise their democratic rights at the ballot-box," Howe noted.

■ All the Palestinian leaders invited to meet Howe over breakfast at the British consulate yesterday had come, and had "set out their views very clearly." He indicated that they had discussed how to increase aid to the Palestinian residents of the administered areas from EEC and other sources.

Howe began his day with what has by now become an almost traditional meeting for visiting foreign ministers

with several Palestinian representatives at the British consulate in Sheikh Jarrah.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said later that he and his associates had been able to explain at first hand how prolonged Israeli occupation had affected their lives and the aspirations of the Palestinian people.

Apart from Freij, the meeting was attended by the deposed former mayor of Gaza, Rashad Shawwa; the deposed former mayor of al-Bira, Ibrahim Tawil; Dr. Gabi Baramki, acting president of Birzeit University; and a former mayor of Nablus, Hikmat al-Masri.

Shawwa said after the meeting

that he had told Howe that "life under occupation is miserable" and that the Palestinians "pay very high taxes but enjoy no real services." He also repeated that "Palestinians inside the occupied territories and those outside all regarded themselves as part of the PLO."

The Palestinians also stressed the need for economic and development aid from the EEC.

Freij added that he was "encouraged by the British position, which calls for a cessation of settlement activity and the recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination."

Howe left yesterday afternoon after a flying tour of the northern border. Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir saw him off.

## THREE HURT

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that incident, and with several of his followers from Hebron, sat down across the road from the camp. The army ordered a curfew in the camp after Levinger's presence on the scene and the subsequent IDF action tied up traffic for several kilometres along the road.

Levinger left the scene after two hours, promising he would hold a demonstration outside the Knesset today, to protest against what he and his supporters have been calling the government's failure to ensure the security of Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria.

Meanwhile, the IDF set up barri-

cades at the entrance to Freres College, Bethlehem, to guarantee that only registered students enter the campus.

This followed Monday's stone-throwing on the campus which lasted all day until negotiations between the IDF and college officials led to an orderly evacuation of the college.

The IDF said it set up the barricades after an investigation revealed that many of Monday's stone-throwers were not students at the college.

The Israel Solidarity Committee with Birzeit University last night issued a statement saying "it is inconceivable that every time a Palestinian boy throws a stone at a car as an act against the occupation, the army immediately declares a curfew on the whole camp, which is collective punishment with racist overtones."

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British sterling 614.11  
German mark 166.15  
French franc 54.197  
Dutch guilder 147.35  
Swiss franc 202.03  
Danish krone 58.445  
Norwegian krone 57.375  
Finnish mark 79.774  
Canadian dollar 385.30  
Australian dollar 429.34  
South African rand 264.82  
Belgian franc (10) 82.298  
Austrian schilling (10) 236.41  
Italian lire (1000) 267.79  
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N. American 5	1533	71	n.c.	
N. Amer. op	2982	23	n.c.	
Bank 1	401	115	+11	+2.8
Bank 5	1346	n.c.	-3.6	
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Discount B 5	3000	164	-90	-2.9
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IT NOW emerges that part of the government's desperate plan to bail out the nation's desperate economy is to rattle the schnorr box more vigorously amongst Jews abroad, especially in the U.S. Income, if so it can be called, from the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds now comes to about \$500 million per annum. As Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi told this newspaper, Israel wants that figure to be doubled.

To be sure, the government will also urge American Jewish businessmen to invest in Israel. The goal for that too, is \$500m. per year. But, based on past experience, it must be assumed that it will be easier to get American Jewish charity than American Jewish investment. For even the most "committed" Jews, those who feel genuinely involved in Israel's cause, have, with but a few exceptions, always preferred not business, but rather the business of philanthropy.

Given the traps, the risks, and the fiendishly lavish red tape that confront potential investors here, perhaps they cannot be blamed for preferring charity. In any case, that judgment is theirs to make.

The judgment to ask for more charity, however, is ours. And it is indecent.

What is it that we would have American Jews subsidize with greater largesse? The standard of living to which we have become accustomed by printing money? The \$1 billion which, Mr. Peres says, Israelis spent in foreign travel last year? The cabinet of 25 ministers, with its accompanying complement of deputies? With apparently more to come. The hundreds of millions of dollars our finance ministers burned in the last two elections to keep their Likud party in power? The hundreds of jobs, without content, for political operatives of all the parties whose only substance is that they waste money? The tens of thousands of yeshiva students who don't work, do not serve in the army, but are available for political demonstrations? The featherbedding and flagging productivity protected by our unions with the hoary system of tenure? The collapse of our income tax apparatus and the flow of black money to foreign banks?

A nation with self respect and with such a mess to clean up would first seek to put its own house in order before asking for more handouts.

Evidently the tradition of schnorr has so eaten into our collective soul that neither the beggars nor the donors can see the immensity of the disease. Both are in fatal embrace. We would seek to cure our profligacy by feeding it. We would seek to restore our virtue by debasing it.

We are already gearing to ask the Treasury of the United States for another more massive monetary fix. That dole is apparently necessary not to repair us, but to save us.

The extra money we would fund from the Jewish community pales in the face of that. It would only symbolize the shamelessness that has brought us to our present state.

If we need a package deal to rescue us at home, it is time that package also included a sense of honour.

## KNESSET SLAMS TERROR

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Another grave phenomenon, according to Bar-Lev, is that the attackers of the Arab bus were in possession of a sophisticated weapon like the LAW (light anti-tank weapon). "That is not exactly a 'special of the month' at Shechem, and steps must be taken to prevent such weapons from getting into irresponsible hands."

Chalka Grossman (Mapam), the first speaker after Bar-Lev, said Jewish terror is even a greater enemy than Arab terror because it leaves us (Jews) divided from within, whereas Arab terror unites us.

She said there is no place in the Knesset for a caucus on behalf of the Jewish terror detainees. "I express no confidence in any minister, from whatever party, who joins such a grouping, formally or informally."

The reference was to Agriculture Minister Arye Nehamkin (Labour), who attended such a caucus on Monday. Yesterday he told Kisel Yisrael radio that he knows two of the detainees personally and sees no reason for cutting himself off from their families. He added that he will not subscribe to any of the caucus's decisions.

Other points in the debate included the following:

Meir Cohen-Avidov (Likud-Herut): If a *Davar* writer can say that the hands of Rabbi Meir Kahane's people should be cut off, I say that any hand raised against Jewish blood should be cut off. The way to put an end to Jewish terror is to put an end to Arab terror.

Avner Shalev (National Religious Party): Religious Zionism negates the Jewish underground, who took the law in their own hands. Anyone who murders in the name of Judaism

distorts the teachings of the Torah. Shulamit Aloni (CRM): The rabbis and Knesset members who express solidarity with the Jewish terrorists thereby give legitimacy and sanctity to the murderous lunatics on the Palestinian side.

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality): The main danger lies not in the Jewish terror or in Kahane's racism. It lies in the broad political circles who support their views and deeds.

Rabbi Haim Druckman (Morasha): If it really was Jews who attacked the Arab bus—and we don't really know that—their act should be denounced ten-fold. The difference between Jewish and Arab terror is that Jewish terror is negated by practically all Israelis, while Arab terror is supported by all Arab states and many Israeli Arabs. If stone-throwers were deported, the spilling of blood on both sides would end.

Rabbi Eliezer Waldman (Tehiya): Private citizens have no right to act on their own; that can only cause a spiral of further murders. And in the long run only proper action by the government can bring about reasonable security.

Meir Kahane (Kach): Several streets in Israel cities and Ramat Raziell are named after the late David Raziell, whose terrorist acts killed dozens of Arabs. If Jewish terrorism is now out because we have a state, that means it is politically wrong, not morally wrong.

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein yesterday condemned the effort by MKs to form a lobby in support of the Jewish terror suspects. He also hinted his disapproval at Nehamkin's attendance at the meeting.

## INTEREST RATES

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of wages between the end of 1983 and mid-1984. That drop, they said, is significantly higher in the manufacturing sector and wages have been further reduced in the past two months.

Metalworkers, Electricians and Electronics Workers Union secretary Yitzhak Giladi said that it had been foreseen at the time of signing that wages in the manufacturing sector would drop by considerably more than those in the public sector—hence the revision clause.

However, said Giladi, the manufacturers have informed the Histadrut that according to their figures, there has been no erosion of real wages. Giladi said that he anticipated tough bargaining, and called on the Histadrut not to sign a package deal until the workers have received the compensation due them.

Giladi also attacked the manufacturers for offering a minimum wage of only 40 per cent of the average wage in the economy. He termed the offer "hutzpa," and said that his union plans to hold a protest rally in the near future.

# STOPPING KAHANE

By SHEVAH WEISS

THE PROBLEM of Meir Kahane will not go away until it is dealt with comprehensively and categorically. The Kach leader's conduct and declarations have become more provocative from day to day—the latest example is his expression of support for the rocket murderer who attacked an Arab bus in Jerusalem this week.

There is no longer any doubt that Meir Kahane is a fascist and that the only difference between his thugs and the Hitler Youth is the colour of their shirts. There is also no doubt that a fascist list is represented in the parliament of the Jewish state. This being the case, the whole etiquette of democratic legalism, the preservation of which is so important, requires further scrutiny.

The five Supreme Court justices were correct in refusing to allow the disqualification of Kach and the Progressive List for Peace prior to the elections. Nor does Israeli law as it now stands permit such disqualification. One can also understand the action of Supreme Court Justice Gavriel Bach who, as chairman of the Central Elections Committee, permitted himself to decide differently.

However, now that the flood of fascism is sweeping through our streets and turning them into rivers of hatred, a clear legal preventive mechanism should be set up. The indirect legal instruments for preserving public order are insufficient in this case, and we must set up a clear and firm barrier against fascist activity. This is our obligation, both as human beings and as Jews. An anti-racism law is inadequate, as Kahane's fascism purports to "deal" with both Jews and Arabs.

Anyone who advocates "dealing" with Arabs, Jews or any human beings by force, who wishes to expel people from their land, is preaching the theories of Hitler. Such blatant abominations protected by legal immunity should not be allowed to occur in any civilized country, let alone a Jewish one.

The Eleventh Knesset should pass a law against fascist activity and expel the first self-proclaimed fascist who gained entry into it, even though this entry was legal. A Knesset of 119 members will be lacking in numbers, but morally unsullied.

SOME CRITICS will claim that this is personalized and even retroactive

legislation. Let us examine this claim from a legal point of view.

If, after the passage of such a law, Kahane desists from fascist activities, the legislators will have been proved correct. If he breaks the law, his immunity will be removed and he will be tried as an ordinary citizen, and if he is sentenced he will go to prison. Thus the question of retroactivity will have been dealt with and the personal issue will disappear.

Others will claim that outlawing Kahane will cause his illegal activity to increase, and say that this should be dealt with in the same manner as any other serious crime. Still others will claim that his popularity will grow.

This is not so. By following Kahane around the country, declaring: "He should not pass!" but allowing him access to the media, we are feeding his appetite for publicity and are in fact giving him the best publicity he could hope for.

If we raise the parliamentary threshold to two percent, he will receive two and a half percent; if we raise it to three, we will remove most of the progressive forces from the Knesset as well as those Kahane wishes to expel from their country

EVERY GENERATION has its paradise. There are many alive today who remember Stalin's Soviet regime as "a new civilization." A somewhat younger generation will remember the fascination with Mao Tse Tung, Ho Chi Minh and Fidel Castro. But all these paradises have lost their lustre. The story of the Gulag archipelago is well known. The image of Vietnamese communism will be forever tarnished by unforgettable portraits of the boat people, drowning in the South China Sea.

China has long since abandoned pretensions of revolutionary innocence, and Castro's charisma faded badly as tens of thousands of Cubans fled in the late 1970s—20 years after the "achievement of socialism." Now a new generation of naive leftists has arrived, eagerly searching for a paradise of its very own. And they have discovered one in tiny, poor Nicaragua.

The Israeli left lagged behind its comrades abroad for several years, but it too has now joined the bandwagon. An Israeli Committee for Solidarity with Nicaragua has been launched. Its first public activity, a day-long seminar in early November, has scheduled among its participants such prominent leaders of the Israeli left as Yehoshua Sobol, MK Matti Peled and Eliezer Ronen of Mapam.

Some of the aims of the committee are, of course, decent and humanitarian.

## Misguided sympathy

By ERIC LEE

Violations 1983—A Reality behind the Barbed Wire of the FSLN. Over 100 violations of human and trade union rights are listed.

From the very beginning of Sandinista rule in July 1979 until today, attempts have been made to destroy the two democratic trade union centres in Nicaragua, the CTN (mentioned above) and the Confederación de Unificación Sindical (CUS), affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. As early as August 28, 1979, within weeks of the Sandinista seizure of power, the CUS publicly protested that armed FSLN troops were harassing their trade union leaders and disrupting CUS activities. Later in the year, the CTN headquarters in Managua was shot up by Sandinista troops.

In the last year, these anti-union activities have continued. In December 1983, the Sandinista Popular Militia besieged the house of the CTN Secretary General for several days. In January 1984, a former secretary general of the Sitratvague trade union in Chinandega was

arrested in the middle of the night. Later that month, in the same town, a sugar worker unionist was jailed for distributing the CUS monthly bulletin, *Solidaridad*. Union leaders at the San Antonio Sugar Mill, who dared to call a strike against the government-imposed contract in February of this year, have been arrested and their lives threatened.

NO DOUBT Sandinista supporters in Israel and other countries can explain away these "excesses." The principal explanation is always the nefarious role of the Reagan Administration. Union leaders are dragged off in the middle of the night? Blame Reagan. *Habeas corpus* is suspended in March 1982, and strikes are banned at the same time? Blame the CIA. Peasant leaders in Jalapa (August, 1982) are arrested and held for many months? Blame American imperialism.

To all those who blame President Ronald Reagan for the failure of the Sandinista dream, I recommend a careful reading of the Spring 1984 issue of *Survey*, in particular Carl Gershman's article, "The Problem of Totalitarianism." Gershman effectively demonstrates that "the Sandinista regime began charting a totalitarian and pro-Soviet course well before the Reagan administration came into office."

In the revolution's first two years, the Carter administration bent over backwards to help the Nicaraguans. (Perhaps they were feeling guilty about prolonged U.S. support for the Somoza dictatorship.) They sent some \$120m. in aid and 100,000 tons of food. This was the "springtime" of revolution, its period of innocence. Look at what it included:

A military buildup, which created within two years an army three times the size of Somoza's National Guard and twice that of the Honduran army.

The problem seems to be ignorance and misinformation on the nature of the non-Orthodox religious movements in Judaism. In Israel there are only secular and religious (i.e. Orthodox) Jews. If it is true that much of the intolerance against the Orthodox in Israel is based on ignorance and stereotyping, it is equally true that the very real disabilities of Reform and Conservative Judaism in Israel are based on similar faults. Both movements in Israel are evolving distinctively Israeli forms and qualities. They should be given a chance.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### HELPING SOVIET JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—Evelyn Ross's letter of October 15, discussing us here in Israel of lack of support for Soviet Jewry adds insult to injury. Although we all appreciate the splendid work done by the 35s in England, I wonder what right she has to accuse *Am Yisrael* of not caring for Soviet Jewry.

I am astonished that Mrs. Ross, who is trying to recruit members for the 35s group in Israel, is unaware of all the activities being carried out in Israel by all the voluntary organizations, by the Israel Council for Soviet Jewry, by the President for Soviet Jewry, by the I and II Brussels Conferences. We have personal daily contacts through former Prisoners of Zion now in Israel, we write letters to Russian Jews, and we contact heads of States, and in many cases their wives, requesting them to take up the cases of Ida Nudel, Yosef Begun, Shcharansky, and many other refuseniks who are fighting to get out of Russia.

Personally, I have called a European Women's Conference for Soviet Jewry under the patronage of Simone Veil with the participation of women senators and parliamentarians and the women's organizations Wizo, Na'amat, ICJW and Eumnah. I have twice addressed the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, demanded the implementation of the Helsinki Act co-signed by the USSR and have openly attacked the Soviet Union for its cultural and religious discrimination against the Jewish community in the USSR.

If Mrs. Evelyn Ross wanted publicity for organizing new groups in Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Haifa, Netanya and Ashkelon, etc., as she writes, all she had to do was to publish an advertisement in your paper, instead of accusing *Am Yisrael* of indifference.

RAYA JAGLOM  
Chairman of the Israel Committee for Ida Nudel,  
Member of the President for Soviet Jewry, and Member of the Israel Council for Soviet Jewry  
Tel Aviv.

### PALESTINIAN FLAG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—You continually refer to the Palestinian flag as the "PLO flag." The facts of the matter are that the red, green, white and black flag hoisted at the Arab League and in many capitals of the world has been the Palestinian flag from as far back as 1917. As you know, the PLO was not created till 1965.

This fact is documented in at least

13 different books and periodicals which are specifically concerned with the history of flags. By continuing to refer to the Palestinian flag as the "PLO flag," you are participating in the incitement campaign of your government which has no interest in a just and comprehensive peace in the area.

DAUD KUTTAB  
Jerusalem.

### LIBERALISM AMONG JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir.—Ze'ev Golin's article of October 21 on the "Decline of Liberalism" in the American Jewish community was misleading, not only in its sensationalist headline, but also in its use, or should I say misuse of statistics.

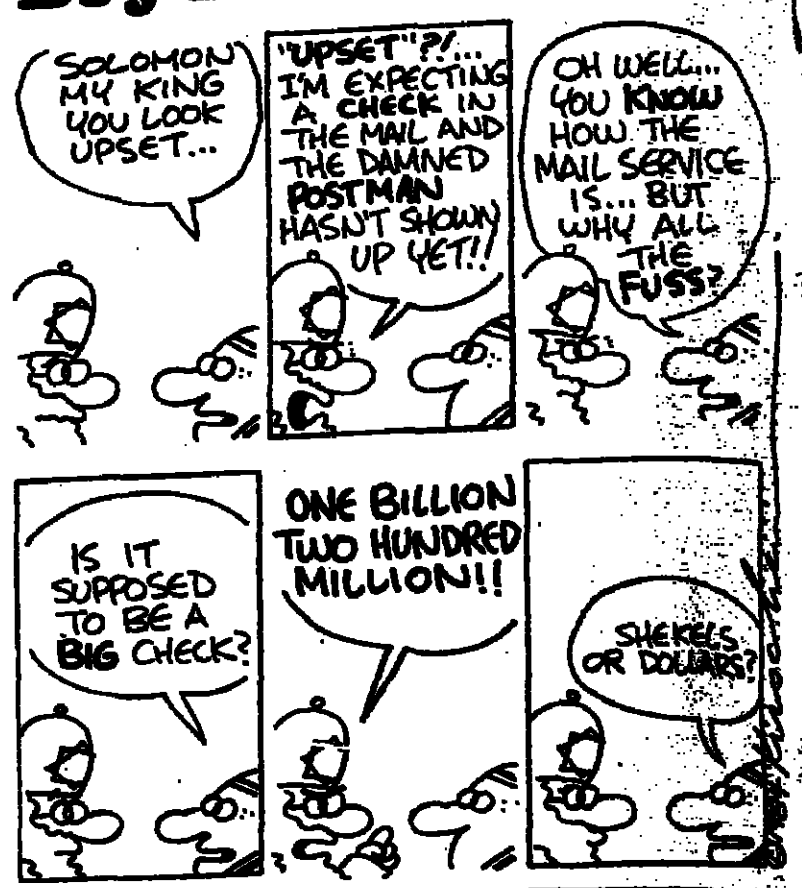
In 1980, the Jewish vote for the Democratic candidate did sink much lower than any time since the New Deal, but the voting patterns certainly did not indicate any swing to the right. An estimated 14 to 21 per cent of the Jewish vote went to the liberal, independent candidate John

Anderson. The combined Carter-Anderson total of Jewish votes was about 65 per cent, which was approximately the same percentage of Jews who voted for McGovern in 1972 (Waxman, 1983). Mr. Golin conveniently left out the Jews who voted for John Anderson, perceived to be the most liberal of the three candidates in 1980.

According to the most up-to-date surveys, American Jews continue to remain America's most liberal major religious or ethnic group.

ROBERT MARKOVIC  
Jerusalem.

## Dry Bones



i.e. the communists and the progressive lists. But it is doubtful whether Kahane himself will be removed. Kahane should not be fought

through percentage points, but through concerted anti-fascist effort. The writer, a Labour MK, teaches political science at Haifa University.

Formation of a Sandinista labour front affiliated to the Soviet-run World Federation of Trade Unions. In March, 1980, a delegation of Sandinista leaders visited the USSR and pledged allegiance to Soviet global policy, including support for the invasion of Afghanistan.

The two independent members of the junta were kicked out in April 1980, and the independent daily *La Prensa* was closed for several days.

Press restrictions in September 1980.

By October 1980, more than 4,000 Cubans had arrived. Military aid agreements were signed with the USSR and East Germany.

In December, 1980: a large clandestine arms airlift to the rebels in El Salvador.

THE REVOLUTION was barely 17 months old. But it had all the elements described so perfectly by George Orwell in his fable, *Animal Farm*. The transition from revolutionary democracy to authoritarian dictatorship set a new record; so did the change from a purely Nicaraguan affair to an attempt to "export the revolution."

For all those in search of a paradise, for those who have found in Nicaragua the genuine "socialism" that Russia and China and Cuba were unable to provide, I can only recommend a careful consideration of the words of a Nicaraguan trade unionist in exile:

"We never dreamed that our labour leaders and workers would be put in jail again in great numbers; we never dreamed that the campaign by the government against our movement would be so vicious; we never dreamed that our workers and their families would be brought to ridicule by some long-time friends and neighbours, who now serve on block committees for the defence of the revolution; and it was beyond our wildest dreams that we would be asking once again about the *desaparecidos* (missing people)."

The bad news has arrived, comrades. The revolution was betrayed.

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